

Isaiah Partnership Project

Pastor/Congregational Cohort Application

2022-2023

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, Do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18-19a

BACKGROUND

The Isaiah Partnership (IP) is a project funded by the 2021 Lilly Endowment Inc. Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative and administered by the Princeton Theological Seminary Office of Continuing Education, in partnership with The Changemaker Initiative of Los Altos, California.

We believe that clergy and their congregations can, by intention, relationship and discipline, become partners in God's transformative work in communities and in the world. The IP models that will be used in this project start with the assumption that pastoral and lay partnership is critical to congregational leadership.

This project will involve two (2) cohorts of pastors and lay church partners from a total of twelve (12) churches, who will train in models of innovation and change. The project will also provide the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary an opportunity to study and discuss a theological framework for innovation and change, as well as to observe, test and learn from these models of pastoral leadership formation that foster innovation and change.

Both the church and the academy will work together in this joint effort to develop a blueprint for innovation and change in, with and through congregations and in pastoral leadership formation.



CURRICULA

The Isaiah Partnership Project will include two cohorts of six (6) churches each (a total of twelve churches), each cohort participating in one of two curricula:

1. The Isaiah Partnership - R.I.S.K. Curriculum (Ralize, Immerse, Start, KeeP Going)
2. The Isaiah Partnership - C.R.E.A.T.E. Curriculum (Connect, Recruit, Explore, Activate, Try It, Evaluate)





WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This program seeks participation of pastors and congregations that match these criteria:

- Churches with an active membership of up to 500 people
- A congregational pastor and one (1) lay church partner of the same congregation applying as a team for participation in this project (recruiting a small innovation team within your church)
- Pastors with at least 5-10 years total experience as a pastor of a church, but relatively new to pastoring your current church - i.e., 1-5 years
- Pastors and churches who are enthusiastic about introducing innovation and change in their ministry, church and community context
- Congregations that value a wide diversity of persons, learnings, and theologies (i.e., your congregation's understanding of who God is, how we access God and how God moves among us, and/or how Christian people are called to engage their faith)
- Congregations and pastors who are able and willing to commit to a 10-month project requiring involvement of an average of 5-10 hours/month in team interaction and learning activities and two in-person events at the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey

TIME COMMITMENT

February 2023 - November 2023

A 10-month Commitment involving:

- Two (2) in-person events at the Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS) in Princeton, New Jersey: Opening Retreat on February 8-10, 2023 and a Closing Ceremony and Commissioning in early November 2023.
- March - October - Monthly sessions and activities with your innovation team at your local site, with periodic online check-ins and activities with the Isaiah Partnership Team and other cohort participants

COST

All reasonable and preapproved expenses such as travel, lodging and meals for special in-person events will be covered by the Isaiah Partnership. Materials and Instructional online courses and interactions with Isaiah Partnership staff, trainers and partners will be at no cost to participants.



Applications are due by: September 30, 2022
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