

THE MINISTRY COLLABORATIVE PRESENTS:

An Eight-Week Cohort of Learning & Practice

HOW CAN WE SING...

How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? (Psalm 137:4)

It's not a strange thing for our faith to be met with hostility in a fallen world. Some know this better than others. However, the uniqueness of pastoring in less than hospitable congregational environs is particularly challenging. This cohort will lend support to those who find themselves laboring in these spaces by enabling authenticity, encouraging self-care, and employing spiritual disciplines that cultivate opportunities amid these obstacles.

This 8-week cohort seeks to equip, support, and care for clergy of color as they navigate this apocalyptic time as pastors of predominantly white congregations, who seek to create beloved communities. This cohort will focus on increasing clergy capacity to manage the multiple cultural shifts that are impacting communities of faith, developing appetites for tension and a love of leading change, helping clergy find and utilize their prophetic voice in the midst of political polarization, cultivating courage, empathy, confidence and joy individually and collectively; and to model these in context, how to care deeply for themselves and each other, and much more.

February 12, 2021 - April 9, 2021

Every Friday @ 12 PM ET / 2 Hours (No Meeting on 4/2)

REGISTRATION COST: \$250

1 CEU Credit Available at Completion of Course.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- *In-depth Theological Explorations*
- *Facilitated Dialogue With Other Pastoral Leaders*
- *Access to Resources for Your Congregation*

As a participant in this cohort, you will also become part of The Ministry Collaborative network, a national network that includes a diversity of colleagues and conversation partners from across the country. You will receive weekly insights and conversation starters, and will have priority access to training for church boards and lay leaders, group and individual coaching opportunities, and early registration for other events and opportunities.

Register Now

****Space is Limited to 12 Participants***



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COURSE OUTLINE & OVERVIEW

The purpose of this cohort is to equip, support, and care for clergy of color as they navigate this apocalyptic time as pastors of predominantly white congregations who seek to create beloved communities. This 8-week transformative learning opportunity will dive deeply into theologies & practices of prophetic love, care of self, and community. Additionally, This cohort will focus on increasing clergy capacity to manage the multiple cultural shifts that are impacting communities of faith, developing appetites for tension and a love of leading change, helping clergy find and utilize their prophetic voice in the midst of political polarization, cultivating courage, empathy, confidence and joy individually and collectively; and to model these in context, how to care deeply for themselves and each other, and much more.

Each session will be interactive, including theological exploration, group discussion, and reflection on how we can engage our congregations on these topics. No reading is required, though various resources will be recommended for further study.





SESSION 1 - LEARNING TO SING: *"DOING THE WORK OUR SOULS MUST HAVE."* KATIE CANON

Who are we? What is the "work our souls must have"? How do we stay true to ourselves & our work in vocational spaces that are challenging? How can we "be" the work even as we "do" the work?



SESSION 2 - THE LORD'S SONG: *THE COURAGE TO BE - PROPHETIC PRESENCE & SHIFTING NARRATIVES*

What does it mean to be prophetic? What does it look like to be prophetic in your context? How can we use prophetic imagination to facilitate hard conversations? How do we manage change prophetically?



SESSION 3 (LAB) - "THE SHED": *THE BASEMENT FILES*

Our time in "The Shed" will be a time of healing and creating. As we share experiences and insights, we will always make room for Spirit. We will imagine and compose new songs - songs that make room for the uniqueness of our own voices and experiences - songs that generate confidence and free us to bring our full selves to do the work that our souls require.



SESSION 4 - A STRANGE LAND: *CHOOSING HOLY STRUGGLE*

What are the struggles we choose? How do we assess risk and reward? How do we make demands that shift power? How do we imagine the win?



SESSION 5 - SONGWRITING 101 (MELODY): *FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT*

What is your fight? What's in your arsenal? What's your strategy? What's your desired outcome?



SESSION 6 (LAB) - "THE SHED": *THE BASEMENT FILES*

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WEEK 7 - SONGWRITING 101 (HARMONY): *IT'S ALL LOVE*

How do we cultivate joy in the midst of tension? How do we hold our hope (Take nothing for our journey)? How can we reimagine struggle and put our allies to work?



WEEK 8 - SONGWRITING 101 (TEMPO): *WHOLEHEARTEDNESS*

How do we manage our exhaustion? How do we engage sabbath as resistance & sustenance? How do we resist the need to please & stop asking permission?



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