

COMING FALL 2021

6 MONTH VIRTUAL COHORT OF LEARNING & PRACTICE

AN ONLINE, NATIONWIDE COHORT FOR CLERGY



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PARTICIPATION FEE: \$600

**Limited scholarships available*



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE COHORT EXPERIENCE

Perhaps now more than ever, our team and nationwide network of pastors and laity, are convinced that ministry leaders need spaces and processes to not only more adequately care for and support one another, but also to help expand each other's imagination, collaborate and engage in life-giving learning and deep theological conversation, enhance their skills and tools needed for innovative ministry, hear and learn from some of the most sought-after practitioners from around the world, and explore creative ways of building and equipping leadership capacity for the long-term.

WHO & WHAT IS A COHORT?

Responding to this ongoing need for an enhanced community of learning and practice, we are offering a series of 6 month virtual cohorts that are focused on topics and themes that are most pressing for pastors and lay leaders. The online, 6-month format provides for more flexibility for participants in terms of location and time commitment. These cohorts will include 10-12 clergy, nationwide, and a trained facilitator who will meet once a month for two hours, alternating between "doing justice" and "reframing the pace and practice of ministry." Each session will offer in-depth content and resourcing, as well as create space for soul care and support. **If you would like more information regarding the cohort either before or after applying, there will be two information/orientation sessions with cohort facilitator, Carol Lynn Patterson. Please select your preferred date to register: July 9 @ 1:00 PM or August 13 @ 1:00 PM**

*Click the links
above to read
more about our
cohorts.*



Doing Justice Jesus' Way: Reframing the Pace & Practice of Ministry

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (Matthew 28:11-30 The Message)

What if we stopped running on empty and remembered that we're co-laborers with Christ called to walk and work with God? Somehow, slowly, over the years... our work for God has usurped our walk with God. Then, suddenly... the seismic shifts of last summer called for lovers of justice to work three or four times as hard. Addressing the intersecting inequalities of racialized hate, police brutality, food insecurities, healthcare inequities, and housing instability on top of pastoral duties has been beyond draining.

Do you long for Jesus to show you the way of a balanced life? Do you miss the palatable joy of God's presence as you fulfill your pastoral duties?

In this cohort, we will create space to imagine what our lives would be like if we were to "do justice" Jesus' way. He accomplished much in the community for God and made regular time to commune with God. For six months, we will be intentional about reframing the pace and practice of ministry. In alternating gatherings, we will "keep company" with Jesus through the practice of spiritual disciplines.

During our six months, we will gather once a month for two hours on the 2nd Friday of each month, with three sessions focused on spiritual disciplines and three focused on justice work.

***Please contact Mark Ramsey, Executive Director, at mramsey@mministry.org or Laura Long, Director of Communications, at llong@mministry.org if you have any questions, wish to inquire about scholarships or need additional assistance.*



He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8



Rev. Dr. Carol Lynn Patterson, *Setting the Captives Free Ministries*



Meet Carol!

As CEO of Setting the Captives Free Ministries, The Reverend Doctor Carol Lynn Patterson is committed to preaching, teaching and demonstrating a liberating gospel. A teacher by nature, Doctor Carol serves in both ecclesial and academic capacities. As Associate Regional Pastor of American Baptist Churches of New Jersey, she is frequently invited to preach and lead Workshops for numerous churches, associations and conferences. She is the curator of Clergy Calling for Consequences, a diverse interfaith alliance seeking justice for Black people who have been murdered by police. The host of Free Your Mind, a radio talk show that refuses to conform to the status quo, Pastor Carol seeks to renew the minds of her listeners so that they can make their communities acceptable in God's sight. She has been recognized by EBONY Magazine as an Outstanding Woman in Marketing & Communications, the Morris County Branch of the NAACP with the Community Leaders Social Justice Award and Business News NJ as one of the Top 10 Women in the State.

Resources Available to You:

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