

COMING SUMMER 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 7-10 clergy, nationwide, and a trained facilitator who will meet twice a month for 60 - 90 minutes, the first meeting centered around care and support, and the second meeting focusing on in-depth content and resourcing.**

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above to read
more about our
cohorts.*

If you would like more information regarding the cohort either before or after applying, there will be two information/orientation sessions with cohort facilitator, Katie Nakamura Rengers. Please select your preferred date to register: July 12 @ 12:00 PM CT or July 14 @ 12:00 PM CT



Where the Sidewalk Ends

Are you at a tipping point? The last 18 months have invoked watershed moments for many pastors, revealing both closed doors and new possibilities that we cannot now “unsee.” Perhaps you’re transitioning to bi-vocational or non stipendiary ministry, leading a community out of its beloved building, or realizing that your congregation needs to radically change the way they interact with neighbors. Maybe you’re wondering if you are even the leader God has intended for the task ahead.



In this cohort, we intend to support and nurture one another at the end of the beaten path. We will introduce practices for hosting transformative conversations and making semi-graceful pivots. Most importantly, we will spend time reflecting theologically on how it feels to look imaginatively out to (in the words of Shel Silverstein) “where the sidewalk ends.”

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.

"The experience was, in one word, enriching. It was timely as well. I was at a critical point in my own ministry and this literally breathed life back into me."

- TMC Cohort Member



The Reverend Katie Nakamura Rengers, *Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Church Planting*



Meet Katie!

The Rev. Katie Nakamura Rengers currently serves on the Presiding Bishop's staff of the Episcopal Church, where she works with church planters and redevelopers. She has served large and small, part and full time parishes in the Diocese of Alabama and is the founder of The Abbey, a non traditional church plant in Birmingham. Her own "tipping point" happened when The Abbey lost its Diocesan funding and building, and had to discover new ways of living out its community life and mission. She is immensely grateful for her own cohort experience with The Ministry Collaborative, which she says "helped keep me in ordained ministry." Katie, her husband Josiah, and their two young daughters live in Birmingham, AL.

Resources Available to You:

Published twice per week, our [blog](#) aims to advance conversation topics that we believe are the most crucial for navigating ministry today. Additionally, our weekly [podcast](#) features a series of honest conversations about the opportunities, challenges, and joy of ministry today.

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