



THE MINISTRY
COLLABORATIVE

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Belonging Beyond the Building:

CREATIVE, FAITH-FORMING, DIGITAL HOSPITALITY

A SIX-WEEK COHORT OF LEARNING & PRACTICE



CAN WE BUILD COMMUNITY ONLINE? IF SO, HOW?

We invite you to join a group of colleagues from across the country committed to exploring these pressing questions with depth, insight, and imagination. This 6-week cohort will explore the practice of hospitality and how it leads the way in creating connection and community in the digital space. Each week will have real-time application for your digital context, whether small group, bible study, board meeting, retreat, or any other digital space you find yourself in. Through this cohort you will both personally experience community in the digital space and have tangible ways to practice hospitality in order to create opportunities for connection and community.

COHORT DETAILS:

JANUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 16

Every Wednesday @ 2 PM - 3:30 PM ET / 1.5 Hours

REGISTRATION COST: \$360

1 CEU Credit Available at Completion of Course.



Facilitated by Rev. Laura B. Murray

Register Today!

**Space is Limited to 18 Participants*



COURSE OUTLINE & OVERVIEW

SESSION 1: CONTEXT AND COMMUNITY

Context matters, including your digital context. We'll talk about our context and the community God desires us to build. Additionally, we'll define Digital Hospitality, looking at a blueprint and the foundations for it.



SESSION 2: BOXES AND BOUNDARIES

If we are in the digital space, we are in a box or some kind. Whether it is on Zoom, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or others, we are in box. How can we be more than a box? How can we see others as more than a box?

Simultaneously, how do we hold boundaries for those who show up in the boxes we provide?

SESSION 3: THE HOST AND HOLDING SPACES

The host is the greatest gift and greatest threat to hospitality in the digital space. Why does the inner life of the host matter? Why is it not enough to learn technical skills? We will explore the spiritual practices that strengthen how we hold spaces.





SESSION 4: PREPARATION AND WELCOME

Our digital engagement can be as quick as a social media scroll or as long as a Zoom meeting. Whether we realize it or not, our guests are being prepared for this engagement. The communication that happens before and after this time matters. We will discuss how we can intentionally prepare guests and be ready to welcome them as they enter.



SESSION 5: GUIDANCE AND PURPOSE

New places need guided spaces. Guidance provides security and orientation especially for new persons. How can you guide your guests towards the place of purpose you have created for them? We'll hit on purpose as well because no one wants to go to another unnecessary meeting or stop their scroll for a purposeless post.



SESSION 6: MEANINGFUL MOMENTS AND CLOSINGS

We all want meaningful moments in our gatherings. These are the kitchen or dinner table conversations that you couldn't plan for but hoped would happen. We'll talk about creating space for these meaningful moments as well as why our goodbyes are as important as our hellos.