

# LEARNING TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP



As you discover your next faithful step toward your call from God, either as a congregation or as a leader, there are many opportunities to equip you for the journey.

## Congregational Development Learning Opportunities

Is your Leadership Team onboard with discovering and implementing God's next faithful step for the congregation's missional action planning? Then one of these congregational pathways may be for you.

<https://www.pdcbbc.org/congregations>

- **Vitality Pathways** ([pdcbbc.org/vitality-pathways](https://www.pdcbbc.org/vitality-pathways))
  - **Catalyst Initiative** is a year-long journey that yields a sense of where God is calling the congregation to engage with community, new measurements of vitality, tools to continue to experiment with collaborative, impactful ministry with new people.
  - **Readiness Initiative** is a 6-month process that starts with a Bible study which undergirds a thorough assessment and discernment process. At the end of this time you can choose to take your next faithful step alone or with a guide.
- **A Diverse Church by Design Initiative** is a year-long process that increases churches' diversity and inclusion. Churches develop ways to create God's Beloved Community where justice, equal opportunity, and love embrace all.  
([pdcbbc.org/a-diverse-church-by-design](https://www.pdcbbc.org/a-diverse-church-by-design))

## Other Congregational Development Resources

- **Training Tuesdays:**  
[pdcbbc.org/training-tuesdays](https://www.pdcbbc.org/training-tuesdays)
- **Readiness 360 Survey and Report:**  
[pdcbbc.org/readiness360](https://www.pdcbbc.org/readiness360)
- **MissionInsite:**  
[pdcbbc.org/missioninsite](https://www.pdcbbc.org/missioninsite)



## Leader Development Learning Opportunities

When Jesus wasn't spending time in prayer, worship, in the streets, and meeting needs, he was developing leaders. Here are offerings to support you in doing the same. ([pdcbwc.org](http://pdcbwc.org))

- **Fresh Expressions Academy** is a 12-month program designed to equip clergy and laity to innovate and take risks to engage people who are not yet part of a faith community.
- **Church Planter Discernment Academy** is a 9-week discernment program designed to help participants discover their leadership style, strengths and weaknesses, intercultural competency, and learning style.
- **Journey to Beloved Community** is an 8-session course that focuses on actions that you and community partners can take to grow in creating spaces of belonging and becoming.
- **Certificate in Congregational Leadership** uses online learning to provide a comprehensive approach to developing leadership excellence in the local church. It is designed to accommodate the busy schedule of the bi-vocational pastor and Certified Lay Minister (CLM).
- **The Non-Anxious Leader: Family Systems Basics** is a four-week, online course that will help you to grow as a non-anxious leader. It will show you how to apply family systems theory so that you can be a non-anxious presence personally and professionally.

## Leadership Development Resources

- **Training Tuesdays** are an online training experience to inspire and equip local church leaders to connect more people with Jesus. ([pdcbwc.org/training-tuesdays](http://pdcbwc.org/training-tuesdays))
- **Level Up: Lessons on Leadership** are short videos designed for church leaders to discover some of the best and most influential principles in today's secular writing about leadership. ([pdcbwc.org/level-up](http://pdcbwc.org/level-up))
- **Center for Vital Leadership** offers vital leadership training in various locations and through various means to make leadership essentials widely available to clergy, lay ministers, youth, and leaders of all ages. ([pdcbwc.org/center-for-vital-leadership](http://pdcbwc.org/center-for-vital-leadership))
- **Next Level** is a series of presentations and dialogue with compelling authors twice a year to take our leadership to the next level. ([pdcbwc.org/next-level](http://pdcbwc.org/next-level))

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