FRESH EXPRESSIONS LEARNING COMMUNITY

Virginia

OCTOBER 18-19, 2019 (RETREAT 1) & APRIL 17-18, 2020 (RETREAT 2)

Bon Air United Methodist Church
1645 Buford Road
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Over approximately six months, Learning Community cohorts meet for two weekend retreats, monthly connection and support through coaching. Teams and individuals discern and implement intentional steps toward developing fresh expressions of church appropriate to their unique contexts.

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$199 Virginia UMC affiliates  |  $199 BGAV affiliates  
$999 general admission
Cost does not include lodging.

All tickets include participation in both retreats, food (except breakfast), training materials, a book, 6 months of coaching circles in between the retreats & more.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT IN A FRESH EXPRESSIONS LEARNING COMMUNITY?

Learning Communities dig into the theological foundations of Fresh Expressions, the practices that lead to contextually appropriate ministry, attentiveness to authentic discipleship, tools for developing teams and leaders, and the steps to forming meaningful expressions of church within a particular mission context.

What can you expect at the first retreat?
A team of trainers will facilitate two days of exploring the development of fresh expressions. Through presentations, action-reflection activities, and facilitated table conversations, the trainers will guide participants to be intentional about ministry that is contextual, missional, formational and ecclesial. Topics covered include: biblical foundations, the process of development, the priority of listening, prayer walking, vision, design thinking, discipleship in a fresh expression, and team development.

What can you expect between retreats?
Each participant will be placed in a coaching circle of 4 to 6 pioneers, and coaching sessions will occur monthly. Coaching supports pioneers in the ongoing forming and shaping of their fresh expression initiatives and strategies. In addition, participants will receive training modules on missional values and funding.

What can you expect at the second retreat?
The same team of trainers will re-gather with pioneers for two days of continued learning together. Participants will hear from each other how their ministries have been unfolding. Training topics covered include: leadership, evangelism in a fresh expression, moving from building community to discipleship, worship in a fresh expression, dealing with failure along the way, and staying strong.

For any additional questions related to the content of Fresh Expressions Learning Communities, please email Director of Training, Shannon Kiser, at Shannon.Kiser@FreshExpressionsUS.org

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