



## Ministry Leader Formation Cohorts

"We become what we practice. Practices shape and change our lives. God is using our changing lives for the transformation of the world. Salvation is about the transformation of lives, relationships, communities, peoples, nations and Creation."  
- From <https://8habits.org/preamble/>

### Theology, Formation & Evangelism (TFE) is piloting the following cohorts for 2022:

*TFE Topical Cohorts* connect ministry leaders around a topic of shared interest.

#### *Spiritual Practices*

Have you ever wanted to explore spiritual practices/ disciplines and you couldn't find time? Are you searching for a community in which to practice? Do you have questions, ideas, challenges around spiritual practices? Would you like to try new spiritual practices, return to old ones, or find an adaptation to one that might work for you?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, have other questions, hesitations, or if you are just curious, this may be the cohort for you.

Spiritual Practices Ministry Leader Formation Cohort meets weekly. Bi-weekly, a facilitator will guide participants in a spiritual practice while addressing questions and challenges. On alternate weeks, participants will gather to practice, reflect, share, and respond to their experience (facilitated by a Spiritual Director). This cohort is open, which means participants can come to any, every, or some sessions as their schedule allows. We do ask that you plan to attend both sessions related to a specific practice.

[Register for this cohort now!](#)



MATTHEW 25

#### *Bringing Into Focus*

Bringing Into Focus Ministry Leader Formation Cohort provides tools and reflection to support ministry leaders in making deep connections between personal and ministerial vision, purpose, and action as it relates to the Matthew 25 vision and foci.



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#### *Anti-Racism as Spiritual Practice(s)*

Spiritual practices help us live into our values, relationships, and commitments more intentionally. Join us as this cohort explores actions and practices to live more fully into *Matthew 25 focus: Dismantling Structural Racism*.

*Note: A brief survey to capture participation data is required.*

[Apply for these cohorts now!](#)



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*TFE REvangelism Conference Connection Cohorts* extend conversations and connections, pre and post conference, to support participants in going deeper with themselves, with others, in ministry, and in community (cohort and beyond ministry context).



Using the [8 Habits of Evangelism resource](#), these Cohorts will explore habits of loving God, neighbor, and earth; the wholeness of God: cultivating encounter, healing, and wellbeing through relationships with God, one another, and community.

This is an invitation to go more deeply into the love of God, loving ourselves, loving others, and finding belonging through the 8 Habits of Evangelism. This is an opportunity for transformation that will extend beyond ourselves and our ministries into the lives and experiences of others.

This is an opportunity to listen, reflect, share, accept, challenge, support, grow, and transform, with other ministry leaders.

**8 Habits Cohorts** will start January 2022, [Apply Here](#).

*TFE Shared Listening Sessions: We want to hear from ministry leaders about their feelings, needs, concerns, and challenges in order to develop cohorts and resources that address what you need.*

We are currently scheduling listening sessions for the following groups of ministry leaders:

First Call Teaching Elders; Teaching Elders & Commissioned Ruling Elders; Rural Church; Part-Time, Bi-Vocational, or Multiple Church placements; Retired.

If you would like to share and be heard, please apply to be added.

Dates for listening sessions coming soon.

[Register Here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Alicia.Demartra-Pressley@PCUSA.org](mailto:Alicia.Demartra-Pressley@PCUSA.org)



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