



From INSIGHT to IMPACT

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CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING LABS UNIQUELY DESIGNED FOR CHURCHES OF CHRIST

GOALS

No one knows your ministry like you do. If you're like us, you often long for time to pause and think through how things are going and to reflect on how things might move ahead. A Congregational Learning Lab provides you and others from your church the context in which to unlock the energy and creativity that already exists within your congregation.

EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, October 30, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm, Memorial Church of Christ

Pre-registration required. Cost is \$325/congregation, and you can bring up to 6 people per track.

SCHEDULE

9:30-9:50 Welcome and devotional (all together)

Break into track groups

10:00-10:50 Session 1 for each track (presentation by MRCC staff)

10:50-11:00 *Break*

11:00-12:00 Session 2 for each track (facilitated table discussions)

CHOOSING ATTENDEES

The point person for each congregation should review the track details below and hand-pick up to 6 people for each track and ask them to attend. Choose the leaders and decision-makers who can listen to the content, discuss it at their tables, and return to your congregation and leadership with some possible next steps.

FORMAT/CONTENT

We will offer three different track options that will meet simultaneously. Each track will begin with a presentation by members of MRCC's ministry staff. After a break, each track's participants will return for a facilitated round table exercise with the others from their congregation. This exercise will help them begin to apply the content from the first session to their particular church context.

1

CONGREGATIONAL HOSPITALITY

Andy Lashley
Involvement &
Communications Minister

Andy will present several methods for churches to better welcome and follow up with their guests, as well as the importance of having a clear path to connection for newcomers. Participants will then discuss how effectively they believe their own churches are doing these things and brainstorm ideas that could be applied to their context.

2

THE INSIDE STORY: OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Terry Fischer
Community Outreach Minister

Terry will present some ideas for "raising the temperature" for evangelism in your congregation and some examples of effective entry points for reaching those with little or no church background. Participants will then evaluate their own congregation's passion and resources for evangelism, identify their own welcome/entry points, and set goals and specific steps for increased effectiveness.

3

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, CLASSES, AND GROUPS

Josh Kingcade
Adult Education Minister

Josh will discuss the role of Bible classes (medium-sized groups), small groups, and how they can complement each other in a congregation's educational and formational goals. Participants will evaluate the health and goals of their own medium and small groups ministries and discuss ways they can work together more effectively.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To pre-register or for questions, contact Josh Kingcade at josh.kingcade@mrcc.org.