

WELCOME!

We're so glad you're interested in learning more about an Innovation Lab cohort! This document answers a few key questions.

What is the Innovation Lab?

The Innovation Lab is a Lilly Endowment grant-funded initiative. Since 2017, the Lab has partnered with individuals and faith communities to develop innovative ministries that are responsive to people's unique needs and assets, theologically informed, and transformative.

What is a Lab cohort?

A Lab cohort is a group of faith communities that journey together over 18 months to learn about their communities, cultivate empathy, reflect theologically, and develop and test innovative ministries in their context. Each faith community assembles an Innovation Team to learn and utilize our five-phase Theological Innovation Process. The cohort is facilitated by a Lab staff member and each Innovation Team receives guidance from a Lab coach.

Is this just for youth ministries?

No! We believe the Theological Innovation Process is transformative no matter what area of ministry undertakes it.

I'm *really* busy. Why is this worth my time?

God is constantly innovating to pursue people in relevant ways and transform lives. A Lab cohort is an opportunity to dive deeply with a team of passionate people from your context to discern where and how God is calling your faith community to innovate. Innovation isn't just an "add-on" for your ministry; we believe it IS ministry and the work of innovating can't wait.

"Our experience with the CYMT Innovation Lab has been nothing short of transformational...We're learning how to listen to our community and our congregation better and to respond in a way that honors them and honors God."

*- Mark Bogart, Director of Youth Ministry,
Memorial Drive United Methodist Church*

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