Lay Planter Training

Imagine Thousands of laity starting new faith communities
Imagine the church of the future

• It doesn’t look like the church I grew up in
• It takes on any size
• It meets in all kinds of places
• It’s made up of all kinds of people
• What do you see?
I see laity starting all kinds of faith communities

• House Churches
• Fresh Expressions
• Faith communities of 50-60 people
• Second campuses of existing churches reaching hundreds
• Making a difference
You Don’t Have to be a Certified Lay Minister to take this course

• But if you are, you can get your CLM re-certification by taking the basic course
• But if you are, you can gain certification as a Specialist in Lay Planting
• There are two tracks:
  • Basic
  • Advanced
LAY PLANTER TRAINING

Certified Lay Minister (CLM) specialization areas
- Lay Missioner
- Parish Nurse
- Men’s Ministry Specialty
- Children’s Faith Formation
- Lay Planter

Coming soon...
- Congregational Care Ministry
- Blessings Ministry
- Church Administration
- Small Group Ministry

Lay Planter Specialized Course (Community Engagement and Planting Ministry Area)
- Recruit
- Assess
- Equip
- Deploy/Assign

Assigned to plant Faith Communities and New Churches

Assigned to plant “Spiritual Neighborhood” projects:
- Social Entrepreneurship
- Fresh Expressions
- Missional Communities
- Community Organizing

Could also eventually lead to credentialing for clergy: Elder, Deacon, Local Pastor

Not recommended for planting assignment

Other pathways to training:
- Self-referral/exploration of calling
- Certified Lay Servants
- Local laity and lay leaders
LAY PLANTER COURSE FRAMEWORK

Lay Planter Specialized Course
• Recruit (various sources)
• Assess (before and during training experience)
• Equip (training in-person and online; ends with planting project proposal/interview)
• Deploy/Assign (yes/no; also type of planting project)

Theological: WHY
• Christology (Why Jesus?)
• Missiology (Why New Disciples?)
• Ecclesiology (Why New Places?)

Practical: HOW & WHAT
• Orientation Session: Why You?
• Seven Seasons of Planting: How-tos and practical elements of planting
• “Go and Do” Session: wrap-up, celebration, planting projects, interviews
LAY PLANTER COURSE CONTENT

Orientation plus three classes
• Why You? Orientation (via Zoom—“Come and see” if this is for you) and Overview and orientation for taking the 10 online classes
• Online classes (the “why”)
  1. Why Jesus?
  2. Why New Disciples?
  3. Why New Places?
• Online classes 7 Seasons
• Closing (via Zoom)
  • Celebration
  • Project presentation

ONLINE CONTENT (7 sessions)
4. Discerning
5. Visioning
6. Gathering
7. Discipling
8. Worshiping
9. Maturing
10. Multiplying

Sessions lead to development of project proposal
Invitation

• Register for either the basic or advanced course
• Take the online classes
• Create a Plan of Action for starting something new
• Join hundreds of laity who start thousands of new faith communities
• Who become disciples of Jesus and help transform the world