



FAITH ACTIVATED | II TIMOTHY 1:3-8

NEXT TRACK WORKSHOPS

YOU MAY CHOOSE ONE WORKSHOP PER TIME SLOT

We are offering a 3-part workshop series “Adapt or Bust”.

You may sign up for all three sessions or just one or two.

Jesus didn't invite us into a stable institution; He invited us into a living and dynamic faith that calls for a radical openness to change. The younger generation has learned that uncertainty is filled with possibility and has used this awareness to build deeper connections and strengthen communities. This series of workshops explores how welcoming the new by adapting our approaches to ministry, worship, and inclusion creates vitality from the changes we once feared.

SESSION 1: THURSDAY, JULY 5 3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

NT–TH00A1 ADAPT OR BUST – PART 1 Why Children Aren't the Future of the Church

“If we only had kids on Sunday mornings...”

How often have you heard this lament? We often lift up children and youth as the keys to a better future, seeing them as the saving grace to the problems of today. This focus on the future causes us to turn away from the present needs of the church and the present needs of the child. In this workshop, we will examine the benefits of moving beyond generational divisions and hierarchy to create a healthy and inclusive faith community.

Workshop Objectives

- Learn how to encourage your congregation to look honestly at the issues presently facing them and mobilize to act rather than defer it to future generations.
- Learn how to invite children and youth into full participation in the life of the congregation as agents of their own faith journeys and as fellow disciples with their own unique perspectives to offer.

NT–TH00B MOTIVATING THE MASSES

What stirs your congregation?

Churches get stirred up about many things, but sometimes unhelpful stirrings lead congregations away from God's plan instead of towards it. In this workshop, you will learn how your leadership team can motivate your congregation to act on the stirrings of the Holy Spirit instead of those of insecurity, fear and self-preservation.

Workshop Objectives

- Identifying *what* is stirring your congregation and whether it is opening, building and strengthening your mission
- Motivating the community of faith to be guided by the Holy Spirit in creating and living out a mission that is stirred by God's unique call for their community.

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SESSION 2: FRIDAY, JULY 6
1:15 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

NT-FR00A2 ADAPT OR BUST – PART 2 **Why Contemporary Music Isn't the Solution**

"If we only had a worship band, more young people would come..."

Churches often look for band-aid solutions to low attendance at worship rather than examining the worshipper's holistic experience. We hope that, if we get a screen, change the music or get an edgy youth pastor, people will flock to worship... and then they don't. In this workshop, we will look at the deeper factors that create space for people to truly worship God and keep them coming back.

Workshop Objectives

- How to assess and adjust your congregation's Sunday morning practices so that all who come to worship God can easily find a place of belonging in the church.
- Learn how to foster a church culture in which worship is seen as part of a living tradition, where new ideas are welcome and old practices are open to adaptation.

NT-FR00B BUILDING UP FROM WITHIN

Take a moment to imagine what would happen if your church had all the resources necessary to build the Kingdom of God and transform the lives of people in big, unbelievable and amazing ways.

Well... the good news is that you do! In 2 Timothy 1:5, we are encouraged to "rekindle the gift of God that is within [us]." In this workshop, you will learn how to discover, nurture, and "rekindle" gifts within your congregation to do more than you ever imagined and tackle challenges that you were beginning to think had no solution.

Workshop Objectives

- How to be innovative with your congregation's gifts by uncovering hidden strengths and adapting existing resources for creative application.
- How to use those gifts and strengths within your local context.

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NT-FR00C LEADING THROUGH STRESS & RISK

Isn't stress bad for congregations?

Isn't it unwise for churches to take risks in this era of decline?

Effective congregational leadership in this day and age involves both STRESS and RISK. Churches that know how to work with these realities, rather than hide from them, are more resilient and more likely to grow in vitality. In the first part of this workshop, you will learn how to promote the emotional health of your congregation as a whole by working with the stress in the system. In the second part, you will learn how to support productive risk-taking in your congregation through adaptive leadership.

Overall, this workshop is about transforming stress and risk from points of tension in your congregations to springboards for progress and change.

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NT-FROOD LIVING OUT YOUR VISION

Have you heard the joke about the guy who prayed to God to help him win the lottery? He felt lost and forsaken because he didn't win, so he prayed to God again. And God said, "Next time, buy a ticket."

After discerning a vision, many congregations feel disappointed that the vision isn't becoming a reality. Just like the man in the joke, we often fail to create the conditions necessary for God to work with us in moving the vision forward. In this workshop, you will learn how to guide your congregation in crafting a practical plan for living out your vision.

Workshop Objectives

- Discuss ways to bring a variety of voices and perspectives, especially those that do not normally have a seat, to the planning table.
- How to implement your action plan through manageable steps based on realistic goals.

NT-FROOE ROOTED IN GOD OR GUMPTION?

*Unshaken, adjective:
steadfast and unwavering; not weakened; not
disturbed from a firm position.*

Ministries that are unshakable are rooted in God. When we lose sight of this and start relying on our own gumption, our ministries easily become unstable. In this workshop, we will discuss inspiring, sustainable and life-giving ways to keep God at the center of our ministries.

Workshop Objectives

- Identify which spiritual practices will thrive in your faith community and how to invite congregation members to engage with them as part of daily life.
- Learn to practice, model, and encourage self-care that honours boundaries and leads to personal and collective spiritual vitality.

SESSION 4: SATURDAY, JULY 7 1:30 P.M. — 3:00 P.M.

NT-ST00A3 ADAPT OR BUST PART 3: Why We Shouldn't Minister to Millennials

"If only we offered a youth-focused program, young people would be engaged in the church."

Programs and events that minister to young adults often miss out on the opportunities that could be gained from ministering with them. Millennials are known for their flexibility, love of innovation, collaborative work ethic, strong cultural intelligence, and desire to make a meaningful difference in the world. In this workshop, you will learn how engage young adults, from within your congregation and the larger community, in mission and ministry in a collective, collaborative and inclusive way.

Workshop Objectives

- Reframing "outreach" and "mission" to emphasize partnership, relationship, and mutual connection.
- Developing genuine openness to learning from others and a strong awareness of your own preferences and biases and their impacts on ministry with others.

NT-ST00F UNSHAKABLE TEAMS

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."
—1 Peter 4:10*

Christians are called to serve one another; yet, as anyone who has volunteered or worked in a church will tell you, we often fall short of that ideal when it comes to ministry team dynamics. In this workshop, we will discuss how to build a healthy ministry team and provide practical tools for establishing clear expectations together and handling conflict when it arises.

Workshop Objectives

- Learn how to support your leadership team to grow — in numbers, in faith, in health, and in giftedness!
- Learn helpful Human Resources practices, conflict resolution strategies, and ideas for developing a culture of servitude in your team.