

Welcome

Orientation Session for New Grantees

February 1, 2024 12:00-3:00pm
Eastern

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What is the Coordination Program?

*Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., and
administered by the Center for
Congregations, to do the following:*

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- To keep the purpose and goals of this initiative in front of the grantee organizations, particularly project directors, denominational and judicatory leadership, and others who are in positions of influence.
- To encourage communities of learning and practice within specific grantee organizations that enable them to design, implement, and continually assess and sustain programmatic initiatives that promise to achieve their identified aims.

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- To gather and disseminate learning about the collective enterprise to grantee organizations, to other denominations and religious bodies, and to the public
- To work with staff of Lilly Endowment and assist them in overall responsibilities in support of this initiative.

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- To nurture an initiative-wide learning community that will encourage grantee organizations to: (a) learn from one another; (b) engage collaboratively in program design and implementation; and (c) learn from their own work, paying attention to program outcomes and impact.
- To provide coaching advice, support, and resources to specific projects, as needed, in order to help grantees make connections to people and resources, and improve the quality of their work.

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In other words -

The Coordination Program exists to resource and champion your leadership, your economic challenges projects, your communal learning, and your important work.

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What resources are available?

- *Coordination program staff*
- *Resource organizations*
- *Additional "ecology" partners*
- *Artifacts and resources from the initiative*

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Resource Organizations

- *Found on the website (ecfpl.org/resources - scroll down)*
- *Free or lower-cost resource partners familiar with this work and creating resources specifically to support grantees*

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Additional Resources

- *Susan Weber and the Evaluation & Communications Project:*
sweber@centerforcongregations.org
- *If you need specific technical or topical help (consulting on fundraising, communications, research, etc.), please let us know. The odds are good that we can connect you to someone.*

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Additional Resources

- *The Association of Theological Schools ECFFM initiative – research and links to partners found [here](#).*
- *The Gift of Black Theological Education and Gift Collaborate Initiatives, coordinated by InTrust – research and links to partners found [here](#).*

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Initiative Resources

- *Gathering First Fruits: multi-initiative summit on the economics of ministry. Many video and curricular resources at www.firstfruitssummit.org.*
- *Early (2016) research report on the contextual nature of the challenges facing pastoral leaders, found on our website [here](#).*

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Initiative Resources

- *Some of the most helpful resources will be the work of your peer grantees. A list of the initiative grantees with links to their websites (if applicable) can be found on the Coordination Program website, www.ecfpl.org.*

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Contact us any time.

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