



Apply Today to join the next cohort of The Nebraska Synod Vitality Initiative for Congregations

It's a new day. The tools and approaches the church used in the past are no longer working the way they used to. As part of this, naturally comes questions about identity, existence, purpose and mission. If this sounds familiar or describes the situation your congregation finds itself in, then you may be being called to participate in the Vitality Initiative.

Through this cohort process, six to twelve congregations will explore three big areas of discernment:

- Who are we? Discerning congregational identity.
- Who are our neighbors? Discerning context and the surrounding community(s) to which the congregation is a part.
- What is God inviting? Discerning the next most faithful step and lean into God's invitation to come and see, follow, experiment, and serve.

But what might this be like to experience? Current and past participants have said:

"It has to be caught, not taught"

"I actually have a vision of where to take us now. It's not a program. It's a lifestyle."

"The process was very enlightening for me and my faith, and for the congregation... but for me personally, how this applies to my daily life and ministry. It's not another program to plan."

Details that Matter:

- This is an 18+ month journey
- A trained coach walks with each congregation throughout the journey
- There are monthly learning cohort sessions where each where learning and sharing happens from and with each congregation together
- Congregations discern identity, purpose, and design experiments through this process
- Collaboration happens within and across congregations of the Nebraska Synod together
- The next cohort journey begins in September 2023

If that fills you with hope and you want to learn more, visit:

<https://nebraskasynod.org/faith-in-action/outreach/vitality-initiative-for-congregations/>

Apply Today! Space is limited. **Applications are due by May 1, 2023**