



# Welcome

Centreville

Korean of Greater Washington

Calvary

Clarendon

Burke

Sydenstricker

Warrenton

New Song

Leesburg

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# Blessing of the Evening & Dinner



## Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not  
perceive it?

I am making a way in the  
wilderness and streams in the  
wasteland.



# Tonight's Goals

- Introduce Next Level Innovations to your church leadership
- Provide an overview of the process
- Answer questions and clarify
- Encourage your prayerful discernment

# Sharing the Vision





## What is NLI?

- An investment in larger churches that have recognized potential for reaching more people
- It is based on similar initiatives in other conferences
- A pilot developed for a Northern Virginia context



# What is NLI?

- A multi year process that equips, trains and challenges churches to reach the next level of their potential
- Founded and rooted in prayer
- Monthly clergy peer learning group
- 2-3 laity training events



# What is NLI?

- Detailed church self-study
- Mystery Worshippers
- Weekend church study
- Detailed report with recommended innovations
- Mentoring throughout the process





# What is NLI?

Experiences from two of our pilot churches:

- Burt Robinson – Old Bridge UMC
- Jason Duley – Galilee UMC



# Church Commitment

- Three year process
- Daily prayer for church discernment, equipping and change.
- Attending laity training events throughout the years



# Church Commitment

- Allow your clergy and lay leadership time away to equip themselves in new ways
- Congregational Self study and participation in the Innovations weekend
- Discern and vote at town hall meetings regarding the Innovations.



# Church Commitment

- If Innovations are approved, work with mentor to implement recommended changes over about a 2 year period.
- Financial commitment - \$3,000, 3 years



# Lead Clergy Commitment

- Daily prayer & spiritual preparation
- Attend 9-10 clergy peer learning sessions (this is a priority!)
- Implement and practice what you learned at clergy sessions



# Lead Clergy Commitment

- Prepare for and lead your congregation through the Innovation Weekend
- Work with Innovation Mentor to implement recommended changes with the congregation



# District Commitment

- Provide leadership and administrative support
- Secure outside funding to offset cost to church, contributes financing as well
- Identify and recruit mentors
- Regularly encourage each church leadership and support change process



# NLI Team Commitment

- Sarah Calvert – Overall organization, planning, Clergy Peer Learning Group leader, Program development, Innovations Weekend Team leader
- Melissa Dunlap – mentor team leader, budgets/grants, Program developer, Innovations Weekend Team leader
- Cynthia Lopynski & Kim Johnson – Communications, webpage & technology





## Costs

- Approx. \$12,000 per church
- Church contribution - \$3,000
  - 2017 \$500
  - 2018 \$1,500
  - 2019 \$1,000
- Additional costs – clergy books and materials, hospitality (meals and refreshments) for Innovation weekend team
- Districts: Contribute \$7,000 over 3 years



## Next Steps

- Pray and discern - Is NLI right for your church? Is this year the right time? (Covenant Agreement)
- Share NLI materials with broader church leadership, continue conversations and discernment (handouts available)



## Next Steps

- If questions arise, contact your District Superintendent, Sarah Calvert or Melissa Dunlap
- Notify your DS and Sarah Calvert by June 1
- Mark June 7 at 7 p.m. - NLI Orientation at
  - Who to bring, what to bring, \$500

# Questions and Clarification



# Closing Prayer

