



Welcome

Annandale

Chesterbrook

Good Shepherd

Grace

Herndon

St. Stephen's



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 medium to large churches that have recognized potential for reaching more people
- It is based on similar initiatives in other conferences
- Was 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 current NLI churches:

- Jason Snow, Burke 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 at town hall meetings and vote regarding the Innovations.



Church Commitment

- If Innovations are approved, work with mentor to implement recommended changes over about a 2 year period.
- Financial commitment - \$3,500, 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

- Michelle Holmes Chaney– Overall organization, planning, Clergy Peer Learning Group leader, Program development, Innovations Weekend Team leader
- Cynthia Lopynski & Kim Johnson – Innovation Weekend facilitators, Communications, website & technology



Costs

- Approx. \$12,000 per church
- Church contribution - \$3,500
 - 2019 \$1,000
 - 2020 \$1,500
 - 2021 \$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, or Michelle Chaney
- Notify your DS and Michelle Chaney by November 15
- Mark January 28, 2020 at 7 p.m. - NLI Orientation (location TBD)
 - Who to bring, what to bring, \$1,000

Questions and Clarification



Closing Prayer

