



A ONE-YEAR PROGRAM

LEARN, PRACTICE, AND IMPLEMENT MODELS FOR PART-TIME MINISTRY

HARVESTING ABUNDANCE

The Part-Time Ministry Project includes three, four-month terms. Each will draw on congregational life as the primary "lab" for discovery, and culminate in a plan created by participants that will guide them into the following term, and beyond.

First Term

- Appreciating the past, present, and future

Second Term

- Engaging new ministry models

Third Term

- Charting a strategic new course

LIBERATING & LEARNING

Seeing with new lenses and embracing proven ministry models, church leaders will develop a strategically redesigned pastorate and ministry partnership to thrive regardless of the number of hours of the paid accountable minister.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

"As mainline Protestant congregations increasingly let go of full-time ministry personnel positions and call part-time clergy instead, many are tragically misreading their situations. In settings served by part-time ministers, lay people and clergy have the Godgiven raw material to flourish as never before. Financial constraints are capable of hastening faithful new collaborations and mutual liberation! God is doing a new thing, as per Isaiah 43:19, though the people largely don't perceive it – at least not yet. This program aims to reorient the destiny of decline mindset toward ministry structures that can imagine and harvest the abundance of what is emerging". - Jeff

A LeaderSHIFT Offering with Jeff MacDonald

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CULTURE SHIFT

A PART-TIME MINISTRY PROJECT

ONE-YEAR TRAINING FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES WHO EMPLOY PART-TIME CLERGY

WITH G. JEFFREY MACDONALD

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WHO IS THIS FOR?

The *Part-Time Ministry Project* brings together lay and ordered leaders from eight United Churches in the Chinook Winds and Pacific Mountain Regions. Laity (community of faith members) and clergy (ministry personnel) travel a strategic new course together.

YEAR OVERVIEW

JAN 2023: HOW CHURCHES THRIVE WITH PART-TIME CLERGY

FEB: SHEDDING BURDENSOME MINDSETS

MAR: APPRECIATING BOUNDARIES

APR: PRUNING FOR GROWTH

MAY: IN-PERSON (TENTATIVE) TO LAUNCH NEW MODELS

JUN: VOCATION & SABBATH

AUG: LIBERATING MINISTRY MODELS: PART I

SEPT: LIBERATING MINISTRY MODELS: PART II

OCT: STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SUSTAINED BENEFIT

NOV: BUILDING A SHARED MINISTRY COVENANT

JAN 2024: ADOPTING & LIVING INTO THE COVENANT

HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?

This project includes live teaching sessions, a live learning lab for individual participants, and shared support and learning across all participating congregations.

Each month, participants will join Jeff online for a live content session. In addition to the teaching session, a monthly optional drop-in learning lab to explore specific issues arising in particular communities of faith or for specific ministry personnel will be offered. Learning will also be supported with course curriculum and community discussion available 24/7 online on our Sage platform.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Individual Registration (lay or ordered ministry personnel)
Cost: \$500
Three or more lay people from your community of faith: \$1500
Registration can be paid over the course of 2023 and early 2024.
A program of LeaderSHIFT and the Regional Councils.

WHY JEFF?

- Workshop presenter: *Cup of Hope 2022*
- Active Part Time Clergy
- Author
- Congregational consultant



Rev. G. Jeffrey (Jeff) MacDonald is an award winning religion reporter, church consultant, and part-time pastor of a small United Church of Christ congregation in New Hampshire.

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