Invitation

The Congregational Leadership Initiative (CLI) of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) Lilly Endowment National Initiative

The Congregational Leadership Initiative (CLI) is a year-long program, in collaboration with the Church Pension Group (CPG), that provides newer clergy (ordained within 5 years) or clergy moving into new rectorships or priest-in-charge positions and their lay leaders with resources, tools and other support to help address the leadership and financial challenges of congregational ministry in the 21st century.

The CLI includes a three-day residential component that addresses topics such as leading change, adaptive leadership, visioning and planning, parish finance and administration, and stewardship and fundraising as well as personal financial issues and clergy benefits. After development of an action plan, each participating team is provided with eight months of professional coaching.

ECF is inviting each diocesan bishop to nominate possible clergy participants based on their entrepreneurial potential and the strategic significance of their cures. If selected, clergy participants choose the lay leader members of their three-person team. The 2020 CLI class is limited to thirteen congregational teams who can attend the residential event on:

- September 8-11 at Kanuga Conference Center in North Carolina

ECF covers the cost of the year-long program, including the three-day residential component and the eight months of team coaching.

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