

JOIN US

A 1-YEAR PROGRAM DEVELOPED TO EDUCATE, EMPOWER AND EQUIP CHURCH LEADERS AND **CONGREGATIONS**

What

5 educational sessions to encourage creative reimagining of how our churches gather and engage their neighbours

4 coaching sessions with a member of the CML network

Where

Online via Zoom

or

In-person at St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver (6040 Iona Dr.)

When

Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm pacific

- September 27, 2025 November 22, 2025
- January 24, 2026 March 28, 2026
- April 25, 2026

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Finding New Paths

An increasing number of churches are recognizing the need to transition toward a more missional culture and framework whereby they can engage their neighbours and neighbourhoods more deeply. Some of these congregations are smaller and struggling to survive while others are larger but still desiring to impact their neighbourhoods more effectively.

At the Centre for Missional Leadership, we believe that a renewed imagination is emerging in the Canadian church landscape. There are new and creative ways of being the church that can lead to a more invigorating and sustainable future; not only for smaller churches but for larger churches in need of change. The goal of the Certificate Program is to equip leadership teams from congregations to explore alternative pathways.

Cost \$400 per team of 3 to 10 participants

Final registration deadline Sept. 12th, 2025





SESSIONS

Each session begins with exploration of your current context then integrates theological reflection and potential modes of praxis. Sessions will call forth a mini-project to take action on your learning.

SESSION #1 **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2025**

Understanding the move towards secularism / Why most churches are struggling OR"It's not your Fault"

We will explore reasons why our inherited models of church are floundering as well as some older/renewed ways of being the church focused on forming a thicker shared life

Exercise: Engaging with and exegeting your neighbourhood and city

SESSION #2 SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Forming a Thicker Shared Life with each other and our Neighbours

We will explore how to form a shared, multi-vocational leadership team as well as how to form a more intentional shared life with each other that is more porous and welcoming with our neighbours and friends.

Exercise: Asset Mapping our own congregation to uncover our gifts for this shared life

SESSION #3 **SATURDAY JANUARY 24, 2026**

Reshaping our Sunday gatherings around food, conversation, prayer and welcome.

We will explore alternative formats and rhythms for our congregational gatherings that could look something like this:

- Two Sundays/month of more recognizable worship forms (with some twists)
 One Sunday/month with a meal (inviting neighbours/friends)
 One Sunday meeting to discuss the Church's future (for which we would bring a variety of resources to help them facilitate this discussion)

Exercise: Host a community dinner one Sunday instead of your regular worship gathering

SESSION #4 SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2026

Making a difference in your neighbourhood or city.

In this session, we will learn how to form new initiatives such as community meals, social enterprises and alternative forms of housing.

Exercise: envisioning how your church can contribute to the well being of your neighbourhood.

SESSION #5 **SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2026**

Building upon the past year for your future/Charting your future

In this session we will explore the practice of discernment as we look for the signs of God's movement and action among us and in our neighbourhoods and cities.

Exercise: Leading a discussion with your church about its future



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