



An Invitation to Innovation

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LifelongFaith Associates is committed to fostering innovation in lifelong faith formation. We are producing books to advance the theory and practice of faith formation. We are sponsoring annual Symposium “think tanks” to explore elements of lifelong faith formation—intergenerational, adult, and family (children and youth are the 2017 focus). We are making available resources online through our websites to assist leaders in developing lifelong faith formation.

Now, we are launching a new project to foster innovation. We’re calling it **Innovation Labs**—an interactive, collaborative learning and design experience to create new projects in faith formation. Our first three labs will focus on *Adult Faith Formation*, *Family Faith Formation*, and *Intergenerational Faith Formation*—with new labs being introduced each year.

The goal of an **Innovation Lab** is to design and implement a new initiative that has the potential of being transformative for your faith community. Each lab will have two facilitators who will guide the design process, make short presentations, and connect you with the resources. It will be important that each congregation have at least two leaders participating in the Lab.

Each **Innovation Lab** will include these components:

1. A **one-day design workshop** (9am-5pm) for leadership teams from congregations, organized in regional locations. Sites and dates will be developed in consultation with congregations. (If you are not close to a site there will be an online webinar option.)
2. **Online support and networking** using the *Slack* digital platform for communicating with each other, sharing projects, and accessing resources and tools (<https://slack.com>).
3. A **project launch webinar** to prepare leadership teams for implementing their innovation.
4. A **project evaluation webinar** to share the impact of the project.

The fee for an Innovation Lab is only \$50 per congregation. (We’re just covering our expenses.) Each person will need to purchase one book on the theme of the Lab (\$15) and pay for lunch at the workshop.

We will launch **Innovation Lab Workshops** between May and July. **We are organizing the Innovation Labs in consultation with you. Just tell us which Lab you are interested in and where you live, and we will work with you to set the date and location.** To register go to www.LifelongFaith.com and select your Lab (Adult, Family, or Intergenerational.) **Please register by March 15, 2017.** We will send more details and payment information after March 15.

Contact John Roberto (jroberto@lifelongfaith.com) if you have questions or need more information.