



Clergy Leadership Institute

ENABLING INNOVATION AT THE **SPEED OF LIFE**

Yes!³ SUMMARY OF THE SESSIONS

Session 1: Who Blessed Your Existence?

A blessing is a way of saying an affirming and empowering Yes! to somebody or something. This session explores the nature of blessings and those things that we bless and are blessed by. To create a life of abundance we need to attend to the blessings in our lives and use them as the foundation for building our future.

Session 2: Saying Yes! to God

One of the main reasons people do not, or cannot, say Yes! to God is because the god they imagine saying Yes! to is not perceived as loving or trustworthy. In this session you will explore your experience of unconditional love and how you can say Yes! to the God who is the Source of your existence and life.

Retreat Day Program: Discovering Life's Purpose

You will be led through an Appreciative Inquiry into your own life and discover those things that you do well, that you value, and that give you purposeful meaning. You will use these experiences and values to create personal purpose statements and to imagine your preferred future.

Session 3: Saying Yes! to Your Neighbor

What kind of neighborhood and world would you like to live in? You will explore how you have a unique contribution to make in partnership with others to create a just world to which you can say Yes! and for which the world would be grateful.

Session 4: Saying Yes! to Yourself

Saying Yes! to yourself is about manifesting your God-given talents and abilities to the benefit of yourself and the world. You will explore what you deeply value about yourself, what you long for, and what gives you a deep sense of satisfaction and fulfillment as one whom God created.

Session 5: Next Steps: Creating Your Future

Since you will spend the rest of your life in the future, this session is designed as an opportunity for you to identify your resources and establish your plans to ensure that your vision of the future, to every extent possible, is one of your own choosing and making. Special attention will be paid to creating goals that are achievable and sustainable and allow you to continue to say Yes! to God, Yes! to your neighbor, and Yes! to yourself.

Nothing comes into existence until it has been blessed.

At the heart of the universe is a heart of love that embraces us and accepts us unconditionally. This heart of love is the source of our existence and life. This loving heart created us for a purpose and has given us every resource we need to fulfill that purpose.

The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's hunger meet.

— Frederick Buechner

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