Why are we on the LEAD Journey? Jesus replied, "This is the most important: 'Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

'The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." -Mark 12:29-31

How much does it cost? \$3,500 per year

Included in cost:

Four workshops each year - two in spring, two in fall led by LEAD Facilitators
Proven tools & resources
Cohort of other congregations traveling together with you on the Journey
Professional coaching session to unpack the LEAD Assessment
Coaching for pastor and team facilitator (8 sessions per year)

THINK PILGRIMAGE! One step at a time, on an unknown path, going with God. Following the way of Jesus, because faith is not a destination. Life is a spiritual pilgrimage LEAD is a Christian nonprofit focused on leading a life of connection. Deeper connection to God through scripture and prayer, to each other, and our neighbors.

> LEAD is an acronym for living every day as disciples. www.leadconnects.org



The LEAD Journey is an energizing 3-year process of connecting leaders to each other and congregations to their neighborhoods.



YEAR 1 Tune In

The Tune In Process is designed to raise the awareness of those who are listening in order to listen more like God. The purpose of this kind of listening is to lead the congregation into new partnerships, participating in God's mission in new ways.

The Tune In Process involves 3 types of listening: Listening to God in scripture and prayer. This listening is a way of being that is introduced and practiced throughout the Tune In Process.

Listening to God in the congregation. This listening is held in tension with listening to scripture and prayer.

Listening to God in the neighborhood. This listening is held in tension with listening to scripture, prayer, and the congregation.



YEAR 2 Wake Up

Waking up the church is essential for our future. We all want to see our faith community thrive with a long lifespan. Organizations go through times of thriving and times of rest. Waking Up your congregation is more than just saying, "This is normal." Waking up means it is time to ask some hard questions of ourselves, to figure out why we exist.

The Wake Up Process involves 3 types of Core Values:

Core Beliefs. The deepest values of a congregation, they are the essence of your "God-view."

Core Convictions. The values that are specific to each congregation, representing their unique call in a particular place and time.

Core Practices. The values that need to evolve and change over the years, yet these are likely to create conflict when changed.



YEAR 3 Work Out

The Work Out Process is an attempt to say we cannot just wake up, we need to act in faith. Most of us have lived with an unspoken assumption that if we truly build a better world for others, it will cost us too much. We are going to be working muscles we may not have known we had. Yet, those muscles are hardwired in our heart. We can love bigger, expand our way of understanding the universe, and lead others to do the same. We believe that it is never too late to fully show up for the human beings in our own neighborhood, workplace, and family.

The Work Out Process:

Invites you into Brave Space. This is a space where all voices are valued and human dignity is restored.

Intentionally goes beyond default comfort zones. The work starts with confronting racism and biases in our own lives and in our church.

Opens hearts to love more like Jesus.

