

## The Rev. Jay Lawlor discusses Leadership Development as part of Congregational Vitality Project series

The Rev. Jay Lawlor explores various aspects of cultivating effective leadership toward building health and vibrant congregations.

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following observations on congregation <u>leadership</u> <u>development</u> as part of his Congregational Vitality Project.

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While empowering and supporting ministry leaders has many commonalities across congregations, it is important to note

that church size (see church size based on Average Sunday Attendance) does make a difference in leadership structures, styles, and practice. The size of the congregation should be taken into account with respect to how leaders function in those different congregations.

The Rev. Lawlor then examines leadership across several main areas of:

- \* Spiritual Leaders & a Culture of Discernment
- \* Discernment for Leadership
- \* Structuring Leadership for Ministry
- \* Working Well Together: Understanding Leadership Styles
- \* Working Well Together: Avoiding Dysfunction
- \* Working Well Together: Expectations and Accountability
- \* Characteristics of an Effective Congregational Leader
- \* Life-Giving Connections for Leadership

He concludes his discussion offering links to numerous helpful resources from several congregational development sources. To learn more visit <a href="https://www.therevjaylawlor.com/missionprojects/congregationalvitality/leadership-development/">https://www.therevjaylawlor.com/missionprojects/congregationalvitality/leadership-development/</a>

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