

Princeton Theological Seminary Incubator Students 2015-16

Christ's Presbyterian Church

Cross-cultural ministries within a multi-cultural context.



Rev. David Sanchez



Jennifer Shin



Dana Gray

Cedar Park Presbyterian Church

Education ministries with children and young adults.



Rev. Dr. T. Janel
Dixon



Charles Sadler



Jarad Legard

Olivet-Covenant Presbyterian Church

Restorative justice ministries through the arts.



Rev. Linda Jaymes

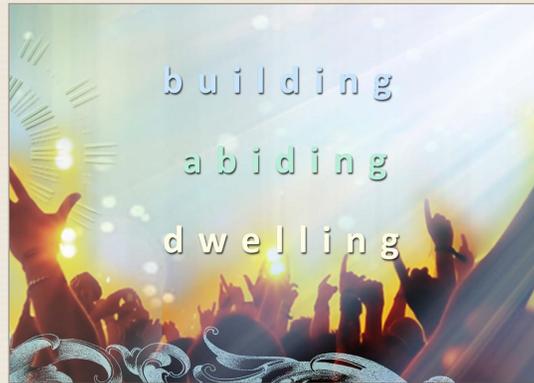


Luis Quinones-Roman



Jacob Douylliez

Over the course of the academic year, Presbytery staff and three pastors from within the Presbytery will meet with the cohort of students. The fall gatherings will focus on what our incubators can offer our churches; the spring gatherings will focus on what our Presbytery and church leadership can offer the students. We trust the Spirit will birth new possibilities for us all.



The Presbytery of Philadelphia is a covenant community whose primary ministry and mission is to serve its churches by connecting and developing its leaders and empowering and supporting its congregations so they may best exhibit the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Confident that God is always faithful to us, we prayerfully abide, dwell, and build with one another, excited and hopeful about God's wide-open possibilities for being church in the world today.



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Ministry & Leadership Incubator



Birthing,

Nurturing,

and Leveraging

Leadership for New Ministry

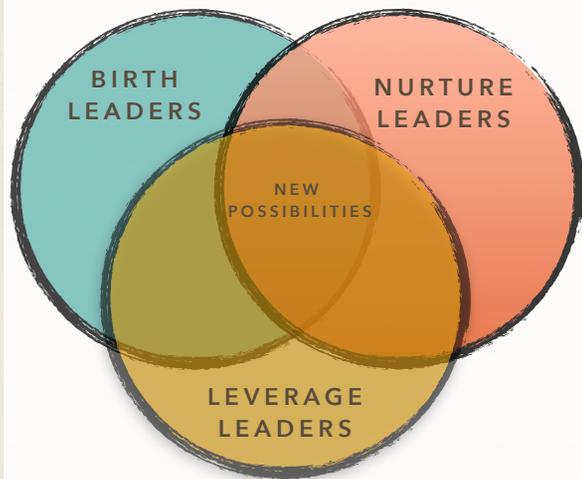
Possibilities in and around

Philadelphia.



What Is the Ministry & Leadership Incubator?

The Ministry and Leadership Incubator of The Presbytery of Philadelphia is an evolving paradigm of leadership development. As we embody the Good News of Jesus Christ in our varied contexts and communities, the Presbytery is committed to birth new leaders critical to ministry in the twenty-first century; to nurture existing pastoral and lay leadership as they live into God's call; to leverage all of our church leaders as we proclaim the Gospel through new and creative possibilities in our congregations and neighborhoods.



MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR



Seminary Partnership

In collaboration with the seminary's field education office, The Presbytery of Philadelphia connects six seminary students with three local congregations- two students per site. Seminary students will be mentored at both the congregational and presbytery levels and nurtured within a peer cohort. During the course of the eight-month program, seminary students, local congregations, and presbytery leadership will work in partnership to nurture contextualized and intentional ministry efforts alongside neighbors in the community. Along the way, students will develop and utilize their unique gifts as they discover and live into their call as the next generation of Christian leaders. The pilot initiative launches in September 2015.



Church Officer Leadership Training

The Presbytery of Philadelphia not only longs to birth new leadership and equip our existing pastors, but also to encourage and empower our ruling elders, deacons, and trustees serving our nearly 130 congregations and worshipping communities. As a part of the Ministry and Leadership Incubator, Presbytery will host various gatherings of church officers to nurture their sense of call and steward their gifts and ideas as they embody the Good News of Jesus Christ in their congregations and communities. In the fall of 2015, The Presbytery of Philadelphia will host an eight-week Leadership Training Series for our church officers, led by our Stated Clerk and Executive Presbyter. Meeting weekly with leaders from around our four regions, church officers will engage in conversations that pertain to vocation, biblical models of leadership, essentials of the Christian faith, brief historical overview, theology of the table, and common temptations that face church leaders.



Young Adult Volunteers Host Site

In our nearly 300 years, our presbytery has valued the ministry of presence, social engagement, and partnership. The Young Adult Volunteer program, a ministry of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA), shares these values. The YAV program places young adults, ages 18-30, in over 22 host sites both domestically and internationally. There are sites as close as Washington, D.C. and as far as South Korea. As our Presbytery explores opportunities to equip and empower young leaders and bridge relationships between various urban ministries and social service agencies, the YAV program could provide yet another means to broaden our work and witness. The intent is to launch a host site in September 2017, as we prepare to celebrate our tricentennial.

As we continue to discern where the Spirit may birth new possibilities, we anticipate opportunities to develop pastoral residencies within our churches looking for new leadership, to utilize new media platforms as we train and equip our leaders, and to leverage various financial and personnel networks for the purposes of innovative ministry opportunities.