



LOTT CAREY

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Dear Lott Carey Family,

It takes thriving congregations to share effectively the Good News of Jesus in word and deed. Lott Carey is thankful and thrilled to announce a new opportunity to support congregations for strengthening capacities for good and faithful witness through our new *Thriving Congregation Initiative*.

Lott Carey Thriving Congregations, with generous funding from Lilly Endowment Inc., supports congregations in selected regions of the United States with technical assistance for training and mentoring to discern contexts, clarify purpose, and enhance vitality. While ***Thriving Congregations*** will work directly with about 60 congregations, we will document findings and communicate learnings in ways that can inform and inspire the work of the thousands of churches and partners throughout the Lott Carey network.

The first cohorts of congregations (Mid-Atlantic States) will go through 18 months of training beginning 2022. The next cohorts of congregations (Northeast and South Central States) will journey together beginning 2024.

The first cohorts of ***Thriving Congregations*** may be for you if your congregation:

1. Desires to strengthen your congregation's capacity to understand your context, map your assets, and refresh your ministry;
2. Is willing to commit your pastor or associate pastor and four additional leaders to quarterly training in your region for 18 months (for a total of six (6) training sessions)
3. Ministers primarily in DC, MD, NC, or VA

Contact us at thriving@lottcarey.org if you are interested in more information about or applying for *Lott Carey Thriving Congregations*

Thriving,

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