



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Equipping the Called Leadership Program is a six-month, self-paced, online course designed specifically for clergy and lay leaders serving in rural and small-town churches. Grounded in systems thinking and theological insights, this program equips you with practical tools to nurture your spiritual formation, strengthen key relationships, and foster lasting community impact.

## WHY ENROLL

### Holistic Growth

Integrate personal development, relational skills, and practical ministry frameworks.

### Theologically Grounded

Blend biblical wisdom with modern leadership principles.

### Fully Asynchronous Online Learning

Access all lectures, quizzes, and reflection prompts online—study at your own pace, anywhere.

### Quizzes & Reflection Journals

Four actionable activities per module help you apply concepts immediately to your ministry context.

### Capstone Project

Develop and present a microgrant proposal. A microgrant of \$3,000 will be awarded to each participant who completes Equipping the Called and submits a grant proposal for driving real-world change in your congregation or community.

### Certification

Earn the “Equipping the Called Leadership Program Certificate” from the Samford University Center for Congregational Resources upon successful completion.

## PROGRAM CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Module 1: Personal Development

Fostering Reflective Leadership

### Module 2: Relational Development

Strengthening Significant Relationships

### Module 3: Equipping Bi-Vocational Ministers & Lay Leaders

### Module 4: Cultivating Community Partnerships

### Module 5: Navigating Interpersonal & Political Complexity

## SCHEDULE & ENROLLMENT

### Duration:

Sep. 2025–Feb. 2026  
(Six months)

**Format:** 100% online coursework including live monthly video meetings with other students and the content creators

### Application Deadline:

Aug. 15, 2025

**Start Date:** Sep. 1, 2025

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE ?

Pastors, associate pastors, and bi-vocational ministers seeking deeper self-awareness and resilience.

Lay leaders ready to expand their leadership toolkit and empower others.

Church teams committed to building stronger community partnerships and driving positive change.



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*There is no cost to participants. Course capacity is limited, and registration is required.*



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