

Become a Leader's Way Fellow.



THE LEADER'S WAY A pilgrimage for transforming ministry

Supporting Episcopal leaders called to be resilient catalysts for change who bear courageous witness to the healing power of the Gospel in our world.

> June 23–27, 2025 at Yale July–February online





The Leader's Way at Yale A pilgrimage for transforming ministry



We are boldly reimagining how the Holy Spirit is moving and calling us.

An Extraordinary Community of Innovators

Berkeley Divinity School at Yale invites church leaders from all denominations to a pilgrimage for transforming ministry. Leader's Way Fellows are an extraordinary group of innovators and visionaries who seek to transform the world with the power of the Gospel. Fellows spend five days together at Yale in June and nine months online. Fellows learn from Yale faculty and visiting luminaries. In online cohorts and small mentoring groups, they develop Innovative Ministry Projects over the course of nine months to better serve their communities. At the end of the program, leaders are awarded a Yale certificate.

Personal Spiritual Pilgrimage

This learning pilgrimage of spiritual renewal also provides opportunities to slow down, pray, and rest in ways that can be difficult in daily life. Through communal prayer, contemplative practice, and collaborative reflection, we'll listen deeply for how we are being called, nurtured, and guided by the Spirit. We'll do all this by co-creating spaces of belonging where we can



laugh, share honestly, and develop authentic connection.

Online Skill Building, Integration, and Coaching

Following the five-day residential program, our program will continue with monthly online workshops to deepen the learning with active practice. Workshops will focus on prayer, resilience, self-care, and contemplative practice to meet the ongoing demands of ministry and protect against burnout. Fellows will also meet monthly in mentor-led peer groups to support their particular innovative ministry project with one-on-one coaching available.

Cultivating Resilience and Wellbeing in Ministry

A Hopeful Future

There are no easy answers to the urgent challenges facing the Church and the world today. The climate crisis, racial injustice, epidemic loneliness, and the reality that many people struggle to understand the relevance of faith in daily life constitute an opportunity for profound reflection, reimagination, and recommitment for spiritual leaders everywhere. If you are ready to choose a hopeful future where inspiring communities of faith are fulfilling their promise to be catalysts for compassion, justice, and human thriving, we invite you to join our mission at Berkeley at Yale, and we'll join yours.



Michael Marsland

"I can't thank you enough for all you have done in the ministry that God has given me to do at St. John's Bridgeport. This past week was a transformative experience. My spiritual battery has been fully charged, and I am now ready to act and share it with my parishioners and all people in the community."

> -The Rev'd Jean Baptiste Rock, PhD St. John's Episcopal Church, Bridgeport, CT



5 days at Yale





3.5 hours of live sessions per month



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1-3 hours of independent work per week

25+ new friends and colleagues nationally and globally



Residential Program at Yale, June 23-27, 2025

Online Workshop Dates: 2025: July 22, September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9 2026: January 6, February 10 from Noon-2 pm EST by Zoom

Program Summary

The Leader's Way is an immersion Certificate Program for Episcopal clergy who have been in ministry for five or more years. It includes:

- A five-day residential program in the heart of Yale that integrates practical skill building, spiritual formation, and theological reflection. Yale's renowned campus and rich resources will spark participants' imagination. The multi-dimensional and multi-disciplinary learning will include:
 - Inspiring Case Studies. We will study Episcopal faith communities that have been formed and transformed by innovation. We contemplate what makes for durable change and imagine what innovations the Spirit might be inspiring in participants' own communities.
 - *Theological Reflection*. Drawing on Yale's distinguished faculty, we will explore fresh insights from recent scholarship that speak directly to the reality of parish life today.
 - Personal Faith Pilgrimage. We will create space for contemplative practice, reflection, and communal prayer so that ministry can be sustainable as we learn to cultivate resilience amid the increasing demands of leadership.
- Online monthly sessions for nine months with particular focus on innovative ministry, resilience, prayer, contemplative practice, and self-care to prevent burnout.
- Nine months of mentoring and small group support around the innovative project that Fellows have developed to meet an adaptive leadership challenge from their current ministry.





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Tuition: \$3500

Berkeley Divinity School will award a very limited amount of half scholarships primarily to those Episcopal clergy who can demonstrate significant financial need. Most fellows pay tuition from personal funds, church continuing education allowances, or diocesan and denominational sources.

Apply Now

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To apply or nominate a leader, visit: **berkeleydivinity.yale.edu/leaders-way** For questions, email Executive Director of Leadership Programs Brandon Nappi, DMin, at brandon.nappi@yale.edu



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