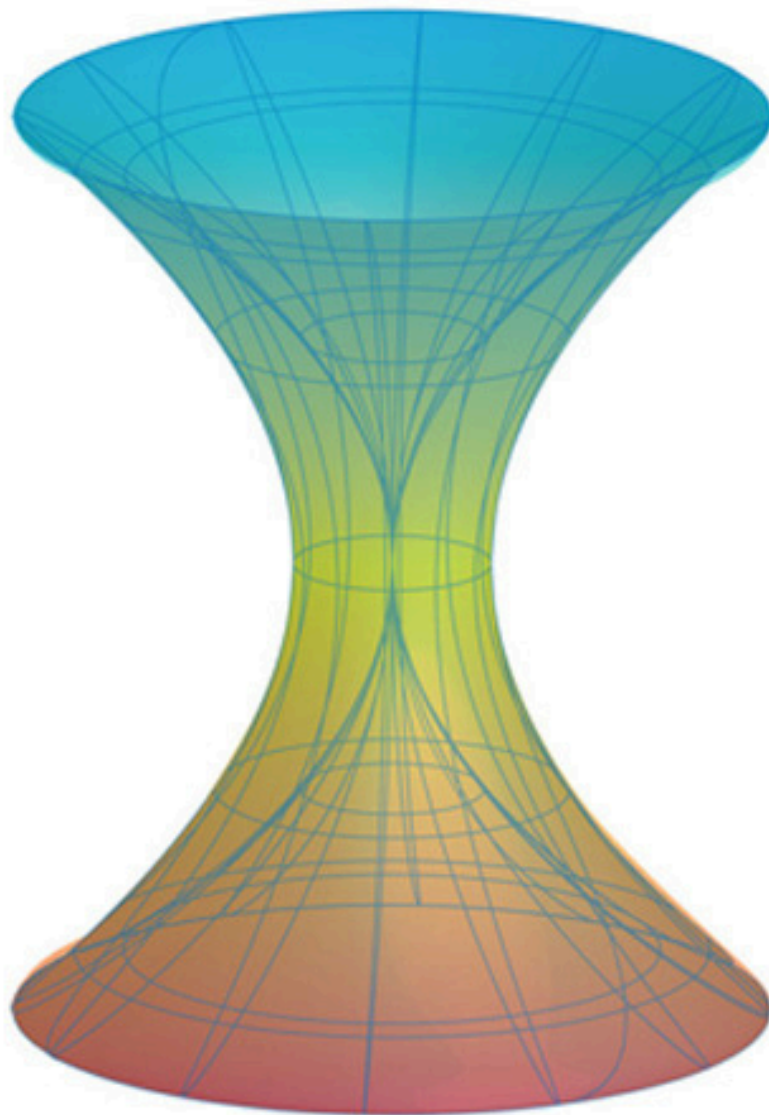


# The Church Lab

## *Workshops & Trainings*

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# 3 TYPES OF WORKSHOPS

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**Navigating Divisive  
Conversations**

**The Future of Church**



**Supporting Pastors**



# Navigating Divisive Conversations

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This workshop is designed for *anyone* grappling with how to be a bridge-builder in their life, in what may be an otherwise divisive environment. The tools learned in this workshop can be applied wherever one has relationships: work, family, social media and beyond.



**Duration:**

2 hours

**Where:**

Austin, TX or via Zoom

**When:**

rolling basis - Please contact us to be put on the waitlist!

**Cost:**

sliding scale - Please contact us to discuss!

**Best for:**

ANYONE!



# The Future of Church

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This workshop is designed for anyone - whether a faith practitioner, lay leader or faith leader - who would benefit from a broad overview of why people are leaving church and organized religion, and what considerations and possibilities this holds for faith communities going forward.



**Duration:**

2 hours

**Where:**

Austin, TX or via Zoom

**When:**

rolling basis - Please contact us to be put on the waitlist!

**Cost:**

sliding scale - Please contact us to discuss!

**Best for:**

pastors, faith practitioners or lay leaders



# Supporting Pastors

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This workshop is for mental health professionals and/or pastors' support teams. We will discuss what most people don't know about pastors' lives and how we can best support them.



**Duration:**

2 hours

**Where:**

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**When:**

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# Facilitators' Training

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## Why?

We believe now is the time to advance our skills for crucial conversations as we are in an era of celebrating diversity and navigating division. Advancing our dialogue and facilitation skills hits the target of the vital tools we need in this moment in history.

We at TCL believe that facilitation is an integral 21st century pastoral skill because it centralizes the voice of all participants. This invites growth and engagement that fits the sensibilities of a better variation of generations at once. This may be the most important tool in our pedagogical and faith-centered environments.

## What is it?

The Facilitators' Training is designed for a small group of folks with a variety of facilitation experience. We contextualize the conversation-centered training to the specific needs of a given group. TCL provides a highly interactive environment to consider critical ways to set up a group dynamic and/or dialogue for success, deal with commonly feared obstacles and challenges and engage meaningful strategies. We apply these concepts to case studies and participants' specific contexts and endeavors.



**Duration:**

one full day, from 9am-5pm CT, and includes lunch and snacks for those in person.

**Where:**

Austin, TX or via Zoom

**When:**

rolling basis - Please contact us to be put on the waitlist!

**Cost:**

sliding scale - Please contact us to discuss!

**Designed for:**

anybody who is an aspiring or experienced facilitator in dialogues, classes or any diverse group dynamic. You may bring in your learning goals and we will adapt.

**Next steps:**

Those who have completed TCL Facilitators' Training will receive a certificate, and become eligible to follow-up by facilitating a TCL dialogue with the coaching and evaluative assistance of a TCL facilitator.

# PRAISE FOR FACILITATORS' TRAINING



*Carrie is a facilitation genius. Her strategies for setting dialog up for success, as well as what to do when things go sideways, are so practical and helpful. **I felt like lightbulbs were going off in my brain all day!** This training really is a masterclass in pastoral care and pastoral self-care. – Rev. Natalie Webb*

*The training provided was solid, well thought through, and grounded in real experiences. I appreciated both the direction as well as the spaciousness to ask questions. **I will be a better facilitator because of this training!** – Rev. Laura Murray*



*TCL's Facilitators Training taught me a methodology and process for engaging groups in difficult conversations. **It was exactly what I needed for my professional growth, and the teaching is easy to apply to my context in higher education.** I was able to join the training digitally, saving me the time and resources of traveling to a conference, and it remained personal and engaging even through the online format. Carrie's joy in training made for a delightful day! I highly recommend the training! – Lori Galambos*



# UNSURE WHICH PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Keep an eye out on our site's events page for our hybrid IRL and online **Lunch-And-Learn** sessions. This is a 2-hour session in which you can bring your brown bag of yum food with you, and we'll learn together about TCL's mission and all of our offerings. This is perfect if you are interested in TCL but not sure the best way to start getting involved, or if you are already a participant and want to get friends in on what we're up to!

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