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Innovation Hub Member Church Application*

Basic Information

1. Congregation Name
2. Denominational Affiliation
3. Name of Life Is Calling contact person
4. Mailing Address
5. Phone
6. Website
7. Year the congregation was established
8. Years at current location
9. Paid staff (please include full- and part-time)
10. Annual budget
11. Total membership (please indicate if number represents individuals or households)
12. Average Sunday worship attendance
13. Missions and outreach programs
14. Please provide a brief description (no more than one page) of your congregation's lay-leadership, demographic make-up, surrounding community, and any church-affiliated school(s).

Reflection Questions

1. What are 2-3 of your congregation's strengths?
2. Share one story that illustrates your congregation living out its mission.
3. When did your church last take on something new? How did that effort unfold (i.e. deciding what to do, introducing and implementing the initiative, evaluating the effort)? What were key lessons learned by your congregation and leaders?
4. Has your congregation explored Christian calling and vocation and its relationship to a life of meaning and purpose? If so, describe your efforts. If not, what other areas of focus have been fruitful for your church and surrounding community in the past?
5. What in the life of your congregation makes this a good time to develop a new effort around Christian calling? Will your congregation face any major transitions or projects over the next 5 years (i.e., clergy transition, capital campaign, or building project)?

*Please submit your application accompanied by a cover letter signed by your pastor/rector *and* a lay-leader stating your congregation's commitment to exploring calling and vocation through the Life Is Calling Initiative. Applications should be 4-7 pages in length and can be emailed to called@samford.edu or mailed to: Center for Congregational Resources/Life Is Calling Initiative/800 Lakeshore Drive/Birmingham, AL 35229. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2018.