



An Initiative of the CCR

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Is our church a good fit?* Churches with leaders and members committed to growth and passionate about exploring the topic of Christian calling and vocation are a great fit for this initiative.
- *What will my church have to do?* Pastors and a small team (3-5 persons) from each church will participate in a learning community with teams from fifteen other churches. Churches of the same faith tradition will form sub-groups to learn and share together. Church members may be asked to participate in reflection sessions, surveys, and specific programs designed within the learning community to help them discover and claim their Christian callings.
- *How long is this process?* Congregations are asked to make a four year commitment to the Life Is Calling Initiative.
- *How do I apply? Is there an application deadline?* The application can be found on the CCR's website: <https://www.samford.edu/congregational-resources>. Applications should be submitted no later than August 15, 2018 for your church to be considered. You can submit your application via email (called@samford.edu) or via mail to:

Center for Congregational Resources
Life Is Calling Initiative
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229

- *How do we receive grant money?* Churches will submit a grant proposal explaining how they intend to use the funds to explore the theme of Christian calling and vocation and implement strategies within their congregations.
- *Do we report to the CCR on how the funds were used?* Grant recipients are required to submit an annual report detailing how grant funds were used to help the congregation address the opportunities and/or challenges described in its grant proposal. A financial statement should be a part of the report.

More questions? Need help applying? Contact the CCR office at 205.726.4064 or email Kelly Adams, Project Coordinator, at called@samford.edu.



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