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A SMALL CHURCH
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BUILDING THE
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An Invitation for Small Northern New England Churches June - November 2022

Congregations are invited to form a team of 4-5 persons and to apply for participation in this program. **Application deadline May 23, 2022.**

Two years into a global pandemic, having lived through a season of tremendous disruption and uncertainty and loss, and facing the urgent crises of our world, many congregations are feeling a collective sense of weariness and disorientation. At nearly every level of society, change is stirring — accelerating change, traumatic change, complex change that requires transformative leadership — and faith communities are trying to find their bearings.

Beginning this spring and continuing through the fall, The BTS Center will convene a Small Church leadership community comprised of teams from small churches in Northern New England, with the intention of exploring practices that nurture spiritual and ecological imagination within congregational life.

Through shared reading and exploration, twice-monthly Zoom gatherings, participation in The BTS Center's Convocation in early October, and engagement with practices designed to inspire hearts and minds, congregational teams will be guided to stretch their imagination muscles and step into the future with imaginative abundance and deeper resilience.

Participating churches will receive \$1,000 in funding from The BTS Center, payable in two installments, as well as free registration for Convocation for the full team. We will ask for participating congregations to sign a covenant to express commitment to the program.

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