BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE

2027 Cohort Schedule

Rediscover Mission. Reimagine Church.

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

The Black Church has innovated under constant constraint! The Fresh Expressions Black Church Initiative seeks to connect and equip pastors and church teams to join God's mission in new ways. The initiative builds on the Black Church's long tradition of faith, resilience, and community leadership, while helping congregations explore new kinds of Christian community.

Across nine gatherings, the 2027 cohort moves from awakening the need and reframing what church can be, through spiritual formation and personal renewal for pastors, to casting vision, testing new ideas, and leading change. The year ends by commissioning each team to launch a fresh expression in its community.

#	DATE	SESSION	AUDIENCE	LOCATION
1	**Jan 21** Thu	Awakening the Need	**Church Teams**	Online
2	**Feb 18** Thu	Reframing Church	**Church Teams**	Online
3	**Mar 18** Thu	Reclaiming Mission	**Church Teams**	Online
4	**Apr 8** Thu	The Inward Journey: Healing, Identity, and Leadership Within	**Pastors**	Online
5	**May 13–14** Thu–Fri	**Listening to God: Spiritual Formation for Missional Leaders**	**Pastors**	**In Person** Charlotte, NC
6	**Jul 15** Thu	Vision Igniter	**Church Teams**	Online
7	**Sep 16** Thu	Experimentation and Prototyping	**Church Teams**	Online
8	**Oct 7** Thu	Leading Change	**Pastors**	Online
9	**Nov 4** Thu	Integration and Commissioning	**Church Teams**	Online

DRAFT AGENDA

LOCATIONS

Online: 8 sessions. Links sent to registered participants.

In Person: May 13–14 gathering in Charlotte, NC. Venue to be announced.

WHO ATTENDS

Church Teams: Jan, Feb, Mar, Jul, Sep, Nov

Pastors: Apr, May (in person), Oct

Session times to be announced.