Session 1: Launch Retreat: Getting Acquainted and Strengths

Purpose:
to build friendship and connection, explore peer learning, and shape the RIOM journey through overview and scheduling.

Session 2: Call, Context, and Covenant

Purpose:
to build friendship and connection with RIOM class and RIOM Covenant Group;
to share call stories and current ministry contexts;
to learn about peer learning;
to shape the RIOM journey through RIOM covenant.

Resources:

- *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* book
  Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver
  Chapters 1 and 17

- *Know Your Story and Lead With It: The Power of Narrative in Clergy Leadership* book
  Kelli Walker-Jones and Richard L. Hester
  Intro-Chapter 6 and pages 143-145

- *What is a Community of Practice?* article

- *Discerning God’s Call* video

- *Life’s a Great Teacher, Are You A Great Student?* video

- *Study* video

- *Close But Different* video
Session 3: Practices that Build Lifelong Fruitful Ministry

**Purpose:**
to explore the essential nature of spiritual practices, how vulnerability is related to spirituality, and how your relationship to God may be deepened and sustained.

**Resources:**

*Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition, Revised Edition* book
Board of Higher Education & Ministry
Intro and Chapter 3

*This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* book
Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver
Chapter 8

*Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry* book
William H. Willimon
Chapter 2

*Lauren Winner on Spiritual Practices* video

*The Power of Vulnerability* video

*The Price of Invulnerability* video

*The Ordinary Video* video

*Wholeheartedness* video

Session 4: Building Your Inner Circle

**Purpose:**
to explore the essential nature of spiritual practices, how vulnerability is related to spirituality, and how your relationship to God may be deepened and sustained.

**Resources:**

Brene Brown
Preface-Chapter 4

*This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers* book
Lillian Daniel and Martin B. Copenhaver
Chapter 5

*You Can’t Lead Without Others* blog

*Friendship Salvation* video

*Listening to Shame* video
Session 5: Leading Through Change

Purpose:
To explore the way in which change is a necessary and natural part of ministry, what makes people open to change, and how to utilize some best change practices in your local context.

Resources:

**Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition, Revised Edition**
- Board of Higher Education & Ministry
  - Chapter 4

**Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry**
- William H. Willimon
  - Chapter 9

**Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard**
- Chip Heath and Dan Heath
  - Entire Book

**Social Innovation as Christian Practice**
- blog

**The Switch Framework**
- pdf

**Video Review for Switch**
- video

**Dan Heath: How to Change When Change Is Hard**
- video

**The Elephant, The Rider and the Path - A Tale of Behavior Change**
- video

Session 6: Mission Retreat

You will receive information from AWF leaders.

Resources: None.

Session 7: Trinity and Lordship of Jesus Christ

Purpose:
To explore the doctrine of Trinity and the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the lens of your own ministry context.

Resources:

**Trinity: The God We Don’t Know**
- Jason Byassee
  - Entire Book

**Jesus Saves**
- video
**Frustrated and Saved by Jesus**
*video*

**My Neighbor’s Music**
*video*

**Seeking Aliveness**
*video*

**Session 8: Fruitful Discipleship Workshop**

**Purpose:**
to explore what it means for everyone, laity and clergy, to be fully alive in Christ and engaged in lifelong fruitful ministry through the Fruitful Discipleship Project Workshop.

**You will receive information from AWF leaders.**

**Resources:** None

**Session 9: Proclamation and Worship**

**Purpose:**
to explore current worship and sermon planning and how you might build on it.

**Resources:**

*Pastor: Revised Edition: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry*  
William H. Willimon

Chapters 3 and 6

*Working Preacher*

*UMC Discipleship* (worship and music section)

*Finding Your Congregation in the Text*

*Worship and Practice with Danielle Shroyer*

*Becoming the Liturgy*

*Who in the World Are These People?*

**Session 10: The Kingdom of God and Eternal Life**

**Purpose:**
to explore the kingdom of God, how it relates to eternal life and your own ministry context.

**Resources:**

*Methodist Doctrine: The Essentials, Revised Edition*  
Ted A. Campbell

Chapter 6

*Responsible Grace: John Wesley’s Practical Theology*  
Randy Maddox

Chapter 9

*Surprised by Hope – Group Bible Study*  
video
The Kingdom of Heaven Will Be On Earth  
Who Gets Saved?  
More to the Story  
Why Discipleship Is Not Preparation for Eternal Life