



# Congregational Leaders Fellowship

where interreligious understanding cultivates belonging

The ICJS Congregational Leaders Fellowship is a year-long intensive program in which leaders within religious communities come together across traditions to promote interreligious understanding, deepen relationships, and cultivate spaces of belonging in order to combat religious bigotry and hatred.

Recognizing the important role religious and lay leaders play in the religious education and formation of their communities and larger society, the year-long ICJS Congregational Leaders Fellowship brings together a cohort consisting of one official religious leader and two lay leaders from the following religious communities: Islam; Judaism; Roman Catholicism; Protestantism; and the Black Church.\*

Through **cultivation of relationships and collaboration** on developing interreligious programs—as well as study, shared learning, and dialogue around human dignity, flourishing, and justice—we can **build robust interreligious communities** that interweave the civic, educational, and religious dimensions of our lives together.

*\*"We use 'the Black Church'...as a kind of shorthand reference to the pluralism of black Christian churches in the United States" (C. Eric Lincoln, The Black Church in the African American Experience, 1).*

## BENEFITS

- Belong to a cohort of religious leaders building relationships between diverse religious communities
- Strengthen interreligious literacy within given religious communities
- Learn and dialogue around each of the three Abrahamic religions
- Attain financial support for interreligious events and projects
- Stipend

## COMMITMENTS

- Participate in 10 monthly meetings
- Engage in relationship-building storytelling workshop
- Develop intercongregational interreligious project
- Share reflections on program experience

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