

Go Network Cohort Facilitators

Thank you for volunteering to be a Go Network facilitator!

The Go Network is a network of cohorts made up of local, regional, and affinity-based practitioners. (See definitions of these cohorts below.) Each cohort has a facilitator or a rotation of facilitators. They can be laymen, laywomen, or professional church workers.

Why will it be valuable for you to be a Go Network facilitator?

- You will be participating in God's broader Kingdom work.
- You will be learning alongside other practitioners who are encouraging each other as they pursue Spirit-led goals.
- You will be developing confidence and skills in peer facilitation, which can be applied to other areas of your ministry.
- You will have a front-row seat to seeing God's mission unfold in and through the lives of others.

Facilitators are initiators. They do not bear the burden of being the experts or the ones in charge. Instead, they are peers who serve the cohort in the following ways:

1. They help the cohort choose the date of their monthly gatherings and send reminders as the day approaches.
2. They use The Go Network Conversation Tool to frame and direct the conversation during the gatherings. (The tool is available at theGoNetwork.org)
3. They encourage collaboration.
4. They ensure all voices are heard and able to make a contribution.
5. They record next-steps identified by participants for reference at future gatherings.

Time Commitment

Cohorts schedule their conversations to follow a rhythm they find most helpful. However, meeting at least once a month is recommended. If you meet less frequently, goals often are put on the back burner, replaced by tasks perceived as more urgent.

Conversations can be in person, online, or both. Consider scheduling two hours so you can enjoy unhurried reflection and collaboration. Larger groups may want to break into smaller groups to have more thorough conversations in less time.

Peer Facilitation Training

Peer Facilitation Training is available from the Go Network. It includes three short videos presenting basic skills and simple best practices for facilitating peer conversations. Then a session can be scheduled with a Go Network coach to practice peer facilitation live.

Support for Facilitators

Facilitators are welcome to contact the Go Network Lead Facilitator, Rev. Greg Finke, anytime a need or question arises.

In addition, there are quarterly Facilitator Check-Ins for all facilitators. These Zooms provide ongoing support, encouragement, and training. In the meantime, facilitators are encouraged to share cohort highlights with Greg Finke that he can share with the wider Go Network.

Definitions of Cohorts

Local Cohorts: Two or more practitioners who live within proximity of each other. They come together monthly in person (or online) to build trust, encourage each other with the Gospel, spark collaborate, and spur each other on as they take their next steps in mission, discipleship, and multiplication.

Regional Cohorts: Two or more practitioners who do not live within proximity of each other. They come together online monthly to build trust, encourage with the Gospel, collaborate, and spur each other on as they take their next steps in mission, discipleship, and multiplication. In addition, Local Cohorts that are in the same general region may consider coming together for conferences to share resources, teaching, and training.

Affinity-based Cohorts: Two or more practitioners who are working in a common mission or ministry context. For example, church planter, school, rural, urban, multiethnic, dual parish, large church, discipleship, children, youth, family, etc. They meet online or in person as they take their next steps in mission, discipleship, and multiplication.