

Priming the pump or serving as the well: The opportunities and challenges of AI in ministry

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Discussion Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Purpose and goals of the session
 - Share your awareness and use of AI
 - Focus on the *why* and *when* questions regarding the use of AI rather than on tips regarding *how* to use the various virtual tools
 - Discuss opportunities and challenges
 - Consider next steps
- Discussion considerations
 - Be trustful: Remember this is a sub-rosa conversation
 - Be honest: Consider AI within your personal, theological, and ethical framework
 - Be inquisitive/curious: Share your ideas, hopes, and concerns
- Reflection questions
 - How do I/we foster an authentic ministry and encourage human interactions in a world that is increasingly mediated by algorithms and digital connections?
 - How can I use AI to Augment and Amplify my ministry rather than make it Artificial?
 - Why and when should I use AI?
- Think-Share 1: AI and your ministry
 - Are you using AI in your ministry work? If so, describe why and when. If not, share.
 - Thinking about your use of AI, what stands out for you? What are you learning about your ministry, about divine inspiration, about prayer, about scripture, about yourself?
 - How do you foresee AI being used in your ministry?
- Think-Share 2: AI opportunities and challenges
 - What are you most concerned about? What worries you about AI and ministry?
 - What are you most excited about? What opportunities do you see emerging?
 - What guidelines and boundaries do you think should be in place regarding the ethical use of AI?
 - What questions do you have?
- Wrap up and moving forward
 - Thoughts on how you can support one another
 - Next steps