

Faith in Secular Age: A Pre-Convo Conversation for Rostered Leaders Based on Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*

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Duration: 5 sessions, 12:00noon to 1:15pm, monthly meet-ups on Zoom

In anticipation of Bishop's Convocation, we are offering a five-session guided pre-convo conversation introducing Charles Taylor's *A Secular Age*. The convo presenters are grounded in this primary source as evident by Andy Root's six-volume series from Baker Academic, *Ministry in a Secular Age*. This is an opportunity and invitation for rostered leaders to prepare for our Spring convocation. Each session will focus on the concepts from each of the five sections of the book and their implications for practicing ministry today. The conversation will consider the touch points to some of the current challenges rostered leaders face today, and with a view to explore practical approaches for engaging with congregants and communities influenced by secularism.

Session 1: Understanding Secularity: The Three Types of Secular (Jan. 30)

Focus: Overview of secularization and its impact on public and personal faith.

Session 2: From an Enchanted to a Disenchanted World (Feb. 20)

Focus: The historical shift from an enchanted, spiritual worldview to a disenchanted, rational one.

Session 3: The Immanent Frame: Living Without Transcendence (March 20)

Focus: Understanding the immanent frame and its implications for belief and meaning-making in a secular age.

Session 4: Cross-Pressures: Navigating Faith and Doubt in a Secular Age (April 10)

Focus: Understanding the experience of "cross-pressures" between belief and unbelief, and how it impacts faith today.

Session 5: Living Faithfully in a Secular Age: Church Responses (May 8 Post Convo)

Focus: Toward practical approaches for ministry in light of living in a secular age.