



Love Is The Way  
by  
Bishop Michael Curry  
Holding on to Hope in Troubling  
Times

# OASIS Protocols for Breakout Rooms and General Discussion A review

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Assign spokesperson/note taker at beginning of breakout session

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Ensure all participants have a chance to speak (if they want to speak)

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Be respectful in considering and giving feedback to new or different views

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When possible, a team member may be present in each breakout room to provide support

# Bishop Michael Curry

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Born 1953 in Chicago, Bishop Curry is descended from slaves.

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He attended public schools in Upstate New York.

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Father was an Episcopal priest and his mother a devout Episcopalian.

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Grandparents from NC and Alabama but migrated north seeking relief from Jim Crow oppression.

# Education

Received undergrad from Hobart College in Geneva, NY and MDiv from Yale Divinity School.

Continuing education at several places including Princeton Theological (Presbyterian), and honorary degrees from several other places including Virginia Theological Seminary (Alexandria).

# Ministry

Ordained into priesthood 1978 in Winston-Salem, NC. Served parishes in NC, Ohio and Maryland.

Elected to a nine-year term as presiding bishop in 2015.

Throughout his ministry, Presiding Bishop Curry has been active in issues of social justice, reconciliation, speaking out on immigration policy and marriage equality.

# Author

In addition to *Love is the Way*, Bishop Curry has written four other books, including *The Power of Love* and *Following the Way of Jesus: Church's Teachings in a Changing World*.

## Breakout 1

Who are the people and what are the primary experiences that make you believe that the way of love can change us?

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Bishop Curry explains what he is doing with his book, and he offers this Frederick Buechner quote from *Now and Then*: **“Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is. In the boredom and the pain of it, no less than in the excitement and the gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.”**

This is a journey into the hidden heart of Bishop Curry’s life – **“those people and experiences that led to my conviction that the way of love can change each of us, and all of us, for the better.”**

## Breakout 2

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How have you seen or experienced God's love in the previous week? Put another away, what has been Godly or what was your moment closest to Christ?

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Think back to your own family history. How did your family of origin fit into the larger movements in our country's history—for better or for worse?