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## Supporting Your Journey



### Let's talk!

1K Churches invites congregations to discover God's economy through Bible study and discussion and through the simple action of investing in one small business that is going good in your community. For many churches this is unfamiliar territory. It would be nice, people say, to talk to people from a congregation that has already done it. It would help if we knew there was someone who could help us with our questions, if we knew where to go if we got stuck, if we had a place to share what we are discovering as we venture into the real economy where we live.

So let's talk! Criterion invites you to dial into our monthly 1K Churches conference call. This is an informal opportunity to hear what other congregations are doing, to ask your questions, to share your story. It is a way for you to engage more deeply, to learn from the experience of others and to receive encouragement and support.

The next call is scheduled for later this month on Thursday, May 25. The time is 7:00 - 8:00 PM if you are in the Eastern Time Zone; 6:00 Central Time; 5:00 Mountain Time; and 4:00 Pacific time. A schedule for the next several months appears in each monthly 1K Churches Newsletter. To increase the chances of finding a time that works for you, we vary the day of the week and the time of day from month to month. The call-in number is 641-715-0875. When prompted, provide this PIN: 324443#.

Your host on the call will be Rev. Phyllis Anderson, a member of the Criterion Institute staff focused on the 1k Churches program. She will assist in connecting you to others on the line and sharing your questions and experiences as you learn from one another. She has helped to develop many of the 1K Churches resources. She has been

### 1K Churches Monthly Calls

The Criterion team hosts monthly calls to support the 1k journey. Led by Rev. Phyllis Anderson, these informal calls are a time for participants to share insights, ask questions, and support each other. There is no need to RSVP, you are very welcome to just join us at the appropriate time and date by dialling 641.715.0875 using participant code 324443.

#### Call schedule

May 25, Thursday,  
7:00-8:00 PM ET  
June 20, Tuesday,  
4:00-5:00 PM ET  
July 20, Thursday,  
11:00-12:00 AM ET  
August 23, Wednesday,  
11:00-12:00 AM ET

engaged with many congregations over the last three years and has learned from their triumphs and missteps. She participated personally in the process from beginning to end in the congregation she belongs to in Napa, California. She is a good listener and will welcome you as fellow travelers on this journey.

These monthly calls are open to folks on the whole spectrum from interested, to getting organized, to engaging the Bible study, to making the loan, to walking with your loan recipient through repayment and beyond, to reflecting on your experiencing and wondering where it will take you next. Even if you finished the process months or years ago, we'd love to hear from you and for you to share your wisdom with others at other points along the way.

If you can't make the scheduled time, but would like to talk to someone about what you are doing or planning to do with 1K Churches, contact Rev. Anderson directly at [panderson@criterioninstitute.org](mailto:panderson@criterioninstitute.org) to set up a time. Let's talk.

## Inspiration: Be Still and Know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God...

It's hard to be still  
As I hear and see injustice, greed and those who kill...

It's hard to be still  
As I learn there are millions whose stomachs they cannot fill...

It's hard to be still  
With friends, family and relationships where No spirit can instill...

It's hard to know  
When all around me ill winds blow...

It's hard to know,  
As prejudice, inequality and judgment so easily flow...

Yet, a spirit of call permeates my heart,  
To reflect, pray and give something a start...

To address an item or two  
That hurts my sister and brother through and through...

It's you, God, calling me as I this earth slowly plod  
To extend a peaceful stillness and the kingdom of God.

*Prayer written by a 1K Churches Participant*

## About 1K Churches

1K Churches Bible study and loan program provides a new way for local congregations to advance one of their mission priorities through finance. Based on their study and reflection on God's economy through a five-week Bible study, the congregation makes a small loan to a small business in their community related to their mission concern. In the process, they form a new relationship with a local business owner, participate in the benefits the business offers the community and experience the power of using finance for good.

1K Churches is a program of **Criterion Institute**, the leading think tank focused on finance as a tool for social change. For more information go to [www.criterioninstitute.org](http://www.criterioninstitute.org).

All the materials and staff support are offered at no cost to congregations.

You can [download all 1K Churches materials here](#) or by visiting the Criterion Institute website.

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