

[2025 AI & the Church Summit: Faithful Futures Resources](#)

September 2-5, 2025

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis, MN

Features video of Jane McGonigal's guidance through the "**Council of Ethical Imagination**" social simulation (see links below). **Faithful Futures** special presentation by futurist Bob Johansen, Institute for the Future. Along with **Faithful Futures** keynote videos, article links to key AI insights and more.

[McGonigal Interactive Keynote. September 4, 2025.](#)

[McGonigal Reflects on Results of Social Simulation. September 4, 2025.](#)

[Jane McGonigal Social Simulation Guide](#)

[Simulation Results](#)

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[2024 AI & the Church Summit Journal](#)

August 12-15, 2024

Epiphany Episcopal Parish in Seattle, WA

Includes videos and transcripts of presentations and other resources from the 1st "AI and the Church Summit" featuring Father Paolo Benanti from Rome who serves as the Pope's advisor on AI and futurist Bob Johansen along with ethicists, game designers, and app developers.

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Big Questions About AI and The Church

The point of this resource is to give churches a great starting place to begin to consider some of the important questions AI raises in the life of the Church in a way that isn't cost prohibitive. I also have a discussion guide with some discussion questions and ways to imagine breaking this video into four sessions for an adult Sunday School or small group session.

I (Rev. Andy Morgan, FPC Knoxville, TN) am so grateful to Antonia Shaffer, Kip Bonallo, and Doyt Conn for their partnership and discernment on this project and am glad we could get it done before the Summit.

[Video](#)

[Handouts for Video](#)

Pre Conference Event with Bob Johansen (Recording)

Learn **BANI leadership habits** from Bob's new book, *Leaders Make the Future: 10 New Skills to Humanize Leadership with Generative AI (2025)*

[Link to the Recording](#)

[Slides \(PDF\)](#)

Cohort Materials

- [AI Faithful Futures Cohort Instructions](#)
- [Cohort Facilitator – AI Faithful Futures](#)
- [AI: Faithful Futures Cohort Covenant](#)
- [Collaborative Action Planning](#)
- Guide Sheet for Facilitators. [Guide Sheet.pdf](#)

Transcripts of Morning Coffee Conversations

[Summary 2025-0903- 930- The \(Possible\) Power of AGI Lorenzo Lebrija.docx](#)

[Summary 2025-0904- 930 AM- The \(Actual\) Power of Humanity Doyt Conn.docx](#)

Recorded Livestream Sessions from the Conference

[Dr. Philip Butler \(Tue. Evening\)](#)

[Dr. Jovonia Taylor-Hayes](#)

Jane McGonigal

[AM Session Zoom Recording](#)

[Jane McGonigal Social Simulation Guide](#)

[PM Session Zoom Recording](#)

[Simulation Results](#)

[Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre](#)

[2024 Cohort Presentation Recordings](#)

Publications from Denominational News

- Episcopal News service report:
<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/09/05/faith-leaders-bring-ethical-concerns-curiosity-to-ai-debate-at-multi-denominational-conference/>
- United Methodist Church Event Summary
Article:<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/denominational-leaders-gather-in-minneapolis-to-shape-the-faithful-future-of-artificial-intelligence>
- PCUSA "Game On":<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/9/5/game>

- PCUSA Preparing Faith Leaders:<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/9/4/preparing-faith-leaders-prepare-others-use-artificial-intelligence-faithful-way>
- PCUSA Dr. Philip Butler:<https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/9/3/talk-iliff-school-theologys-dr-philip-butler-launches-faithful-futures-gathering>
- Religion News service report: <https://religionnews.com/2025/09/05/faiths-answer-to-ai-the-sabbath/>

Articles

****"Rome Call for AI Ethics"****

Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, Brad Smith, John Kelly III, Dongyu Qu, Paola Pisano (first signatories)

Want to Change Your Life? Don't Think One Year Into the Future—Think 10

Slate Article by Jane McGonigal

2024 Cohort Presentations

Various

AI Is a Mass-Delusion Event

Charlie Warzel. *The Atlantic*. August 18, 2025.

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Mustafa Suleyman. *Foreign Affairs*. January 23, 2024.

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[GPT Jesus: Conversations with Christ: Religion and Spirituality According to an AI](#)

César Vallejo Rodríguez and Francesca Raffo. *EL PAÍS English*. August 25, 2025.

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[Let Us Make Man in Our Image: A Jewish Ethical Perspective on Creating Conscious Robots](#)

Mois Navon. *AI and Ethics*, vol. 4, pp. 1235–1250. Published online September 12, 2023.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43681-023-00328-y>

[Meta’s AI Rules Have Let Bots Hold ‘Sensual’ Chats With Children](#)

Jeff Horwitz. *Reuters Special Report*. August 14, 2025.

Available at: <https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/meta-ai-chatbot-guidelines/>

[New Members](#)

James F. McGrath. In *A Hero of a Different Stripe*. Hemelein Publications and LTUE Press, 2023.

Available at: https://digitalcommons.butler.edu/facsch_papers/1441

[I’m a Therapist. ChatGPT Is Eerily Effective.](#)

Harvey Lieberman. *The New York Times*. August 1, 2025.

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[Silicon Valley Is Drifting Out of Touch With the Rest of America](#)

Eric Schmidt and Selina Xu. *The New York Times*. August 19, 2025.

Available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/19/opinion/artificial-general-intelligence-superintelligence.html>

[Senator Begins Child Safety Investigation Into

Meta's A.I.

Bot](<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cQBbN2BEK91cXAQ0iMU6pO67Uza5ccoU/view?usp=sharing>)

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Sequential Diagnosis with Language Models

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The 'godfather of AI' reveals the only way humanity can survive superintelligent AI

Matt Egan. *CNN Business*. August 13, 2025.

Available at: <https://www.cnn.com/2025/08/13/tech/ai-geoffrey-hinton>

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