Join us for a practical series of workshops with a two-fold purpose: (1) to gain concrete tools for incorporating vocational exploration into Benedictine classes, and (2) to build a custom-fit paradigm for how Benedictine students will fulfill the new Learning Communities requirement. Special sessions for Admissions Staff and First-year Advisors are included in day two.

Convened by Prof. Carter Aikin of Blackburn College - a 10-year veteran of undergraduate vocation programs and a national campus consultant for the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE).

**Thursday, August 20**
9:00-10:00am - Thinking Vocationally. Introduction and Grounding Conversations.

10:00-10:45am - **Why Vocation?** The reason and purpose for incorporating vocational exploration in undergraduate education, especially in an environment such as Benedictine.

10:45-11:00am - Break

11:00-11:45am - Tools for your classes. Introducing a range of books, articles, movies, and classroom exercises for you to consider as you discern how best to frame vocational exploration in Benedictine classrooms.

11:45-12:30pm - Lunch

12:30-1:30pm - Working Groups. A workshop setting aimed toward putting these new tools to use in your classes.

1:30-2:00pm - Small groups share their progress; long-term questions posed to larger group.

**Friday, August 21**
9:00-9:30am - Reconvene and share progress

9:30-10:00am - Engaged Learning. What it is, its range of use, what it's for.

10:00-11:00am - Working Groups. Setting a foundation for fulfilling the Learning Communities requirement at Benedictine.

11:00-12:00pm - FACULTY - Individual work polishing your approach to vocation in the classroom and Learning Communities on campus.
11:00-12:00pm - ADMISSIONS STAFF - Introduction to Vocation. What it is, why it's important, and how it impacts your undergraduate students.

12:00-1:00pm - Working Lunch. Faculty share with admissions and advising staff how vocation and Learning Communities are taking shape in the college curriculum.

1:00-2:00pm – New Student Advisors - Introduction to Vocation. How to foster vocational thinking in the advising process