



# Sustaining Pastoral Excellence – Constancy Application Deeper in Christ Retreat

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Pastors, missionaries and chaplains who would like to spend 5 days in reflection, prayer, spiritual direction and worship are invited to apply to attend this Deeper in Christ retreat. Specific attention is given to the ongoing call of the minister. This grant provides for the cost of the event with up to \$500 available for travel reimbursement. (arrive Sunday pm) There is a \$250 application fee for this retreat. Please send a check for \$250 with your application. The check will only be cashed if you are accepted for this retreat.

## **Part I – Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_  
Ages of your children \_\_\_\_\_

**Covenant Credential:** \_\_\_OWSa \_\_\_OWse \_\_\_COM \_\_\_CM \_\_\_ML \_\_\_WML \_\_\_BVL\*

*\*Ministers holding a BVL may be eligible for SPE funds; please review eligibility guidelines and contact Ordered Ministry for more information.*

**MINISTERIAL STANDING:** items to be completed to be in good standing with the ministerium and receive a grant

Did you pay ministerial dues this year? yes no last year? yes no

Did you complete your Vocational Growth Tool this year? yes no

Is your Ministerial Profile on CovConnect current within the last three years? yes no

## **Church Information**

Church Serving Name: _____	Average Worship Attendance: _____
Church Address: _____	Total Church Membership: _____
Role/Position (ex: Lead Pastor): _____	Church Budget: _____
Church Chair: _____	Conference: _____

Check the term that best describes where you serve:   \_\_\_Urban   \_\_\_Suburban   \_\_\_Rural   \_\_\_Other

**Church Work History** *(begin with current position, moving chronologically backwards):*

Church	Location	Position	Dates

**Academic Information:**

School	Location	Degree	Dates

**At this time we are only accepting applications for the next scheduled retreat. Please do not apply for future retreats until specific information has been announced and you can confirm your availability for participation. Check the web site often, as updates will first be announced there.**

For further information please visit us online at [www.covchurch.org/spe/constancy](http://www.covchurch.org/spe/constancy)

## **Part II – Personal Response**

*Please reply to the following questions in complete thoughts, and concise language, using only the space provided.*

- 1) What does “pastoral excellence” mean to you? How do you sustain it?
- 2) What prompts your desire to apply for the re-visioning retreat? What are your hopes for this time?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you describe your energy for ministry at this time? Why did you give it this rating?
- 4) What depletes you in ministry? What energizes you?

5) Will you or your church be contributing resources to supplement any grant monies received?

*(Note: Such contributions are not required, but are of interest to the program.)*

Yes, estimated amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ No

6) How often do you retreat for the purpose of personal renewal?

7) What is your long-term renewal plan? Please be specific.

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Return completed grant application by mail, email, or fax to:

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