



Sustaining Pastoral Excellence – Constancy Funding Application for Self-Selected Renewal Retreat

Pastors and missionaries who feel the need to spend 3 to 7 days in retreat, prayer, and study can make application to the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence program for a grant for such purpose. **An outline of the retreat components will need to accompany the funding application.** Grants of up to **\$500** are awarded for personal renewal retreats, and \$4000 for group retreats (4 or more SPE-eligible individuals). Please review eligibility requirements before filling out application. For group grants, please visit www.covchurch.org/spe/grant-initiatives/group-grants for information and application procedures.

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: OWS OSM COM CM ML WML BVL*

**Ministers holding a BVL may be eligible for SPE funds; please review eligibility guidelines and contact the Director of Sustaining Pastoral Excellence for more information.*

MINISTERIAL DUES:

Did you pay ministerial dues this year? yes no

Did you pay ministerial dues last year? 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

All applications must be completed and postmarked by one of the following pre-designated deadlines: February 15, April 1, June 1, August 1, October 1, December 1. These are the dates that application reviews will begin. It is expected that all applications will be turned in by one of the grant deadlines which is at least 8 weeks in advance of the chosen renewal opportunity for which the grant will be used. For example, if the self-selected event is happening on June 7, the application would need to be submitted by the pre-designated date of April 1st. A response will be given to all applicants within a 21 day period after the pre-designated deadline.

Part II – Supporting Information

Please note that all grant applications benefit in their review process by providing as much information as possible. This means the inclusion of brochures, information on what is being offered and by whom, etc., need to accompany this application. A lack of supporting material may delay a grant response and prompt a request for additional supporting material. If you are not filling this out electronically, please attach your responses. Please answer the questions below in the spaces provided, and attach additional pages as necessary.

- 1) What does “pastoral excellence” mean to you? How do you sustain it?
- 2) What prompts your desire to apply for a grant for retreat and renewal? What are your hopes for this time of retreat and reflection?

3) What retreat center will resource you?

4) How did you choose this retreat center?

5) Amount Requested: \$

6) Please provide a detailed narrative breakdown of the amount requested and how the resources will be used.

7) 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

8) How could you use what you learn to benefit other Covenant pastors?

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

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

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