

Sabbatical and Continuing Education Resources

Each of the Presbyterian seminaries has particular programs and continuing education opportunities. Our local Presbyterian seminary is Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at www.pts.edu. Links to all our seminaries and their continuing education programs are published at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/theologicaleducation/presbyterian-theological-seminaries-glance/>

1. Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program at www.clergyrenewal.org
 - § A competitive grants program open to Christian congregations that have a full-time seminary-trained pastor
 - § Approximately 100 grants are awarded annually
 2. Board of Pensions, PCUSA. Sabbatical grants for pastors of smaller churches, at www.pensions.org.
 3. Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI at www.calvinseminary.edu
 - § Seminars in Christian Scholarship and Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
 - § Some partial stipends are offered
 4. The Company of Pastors
 - § Denominational Program to become part of a covenant community of colleagues practicing spiritual, intellectual and vocational disciplines. Annual subscription.
 - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-and-worship/company-of-pastors/>
 5. Denominational conferences
 - § Conference listings are available at <http://www.pcusa.org/events/list/conference/>
 - § The Big Tent conference convenes on odd-numbered years
 6. Presbyterian Church (USA) national and regional conference centers:
 - § Ghost Ranch at www.ghostranch.org - Abiquiu, New Mexico
 - § Stony Point Center at www.stonypointcenter.org – Stony Point, NY
 - § Montreat Conference Center at www.montreat.org – Montreat, NC
 - § Crestfield Camp and Conference Center offers free retreat accommodations, pending availability, to ministers of congregations in Pittsburgh Presbytery, and hosts many renewal programs through the year – www.crestfieldcc.org
 7. Other resources to consider:
 - § “What Makes a High-Quality Sabbatical Proposal?” www.clergyrenewal.org
 - § “What Difference does a Pastoral Sabbatical Make?” by Sheldon Sorge, available at http://www.resourcingchristianity.org/sites/default/files/transcripts/clergy_sabbatical/SheldonSorge_What_Difference_Sabbatical.pdf
 - § Programs offered by the Leadership Institute at Duke Divinity School: www.leadership.divinity.duke.edu
- Suggested texts on sabbatical programs found at www.rowman.com (formerly Alban)
- § *Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning* by A. Richard Bullock and Richard J. Bruesehoff.
 - § *Journeying toward Renewal* by Melissa Bane Sevier

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