
2018 Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) are pleased to highlight some “Frequently Asked Questions” about the 2018 Clergy Renewal Programs.

TIMING

- The Clergy Renewal Programs have no specific requirement as to how long a pastor must have served a particular congregation before participating in a Clergy Renewal Program grant.
- The pastor and an authorized congregational leader need to certify the pastor’s intent to remain in the congregation at least one year after completing the renewal program.
- Congregations with multiple pastors who are not spouses may submit one application for only one pastor per year. However, three years must have elapsed before an additional Clergy Renewal grant can be awarded to the same congregation.
- A renewal leave funded by a grant in the 2018 Clergy Renewal Programs may begin no sooner than January 1, 2019 and no later than December 31, 2019.

FUNDING

The Clergy Renewal Programs will provide grants of up to \$50,000 each directly to congregations for the support of a renewal program for their pastor:

- Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used to help the congregation fulfill pastoral duties during the pastor’s absence and/or to support activities that enable the congregation as a whole to be renewed in its ministry.
- Pastors may use up to \$2,500 for post-leave activities, such as follow-up counseling, spiritual direction, continuing education or personal fitness programs that may be an outgrowth of the renewal experience. Post-leave activities are not intended to include vacations, conferences or congregational activities.

ELIGIBILITY

- Congregations may apply for a clergy renewal program grant for any of its eligible ordained pastors. A joint proposal may be submitted for husband-and-wife co-pastors. (Spouses serving different congregations may each apply from the congregation they serve and may include each other, as desired, in the renewal program.)
- The Clergy Renewal Program is designed to support pastors serving local congregations and parishes. Thus, CTS will not accept applications for renewal programs for clergy serving military bases (whether in the U.S. or overseas), or for chaplains in colleges, universities, hospitals or prisons.
- A pastor from an applying congregation must be a member in good standing of his or her denomination.
- For additional eligibility criteria, please see the “Request for Proposals” document on our website (cpx.cts.edu/renewal) for either the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program or the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations.

We are available by phone (317-931-4225) or e-mail (clergyrenewal@cts.edu) for questions regarding these or any other concerns related to the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs.

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