

Thriving Pastors in Revitalizing Congregations (TPIRC)
A Ministry of the Illinois Conference UCC
Funded by the Lilly Endowment for Religion

**APPLICATION FOR
CLERGY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE (CCOP) FACILITATORS**

First Name:	Last Name:	
Email:	Phone:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

On a separate page, please respond to the following questions.

1. Are you willing to participate in the Clergy Community of Practice training as described on the other side of this application, or, are you already certified? (Please provide evidence of certification.)
2. Do you have the time to meet and fulfill the administrative details as described?
3. Are you willing and able to participate in this program for the duration of the grant, approximately five years?
4. What excites you about being a CCOP leader for the pastors as described on the reverse?

Signature _____ Date _____

Please send completed application to Rev. Dr. David Russell, Associate Conference Minister for Revitalization and Stewardship by mail (Illinois Conference UCC, 1840 Westchester Blvd., Westchester, IL 60154) or email ilconfdavid@gmail.com by March 15, 2019

EXPECTATIONS OF CLERGY COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE FACILITATORS

Introductory Essentials about the TPIRC Ministry Program

- Involves a Pastor and 3-5 lay leaders from 45 Illinois Conference Churches
- Qualifying Pastors are those: new in ministry or bi-vocational or serving a declining congregation (decreasing attendance, aging, diminished financial resources).
- TPIRC will provide participating pastors and churches four strategic resource activities:
 - An International Coaching Federation Clergy Coach for each Pastor, meeting monthly
 - A Clergy Community of Practice support/learning group for each pastor meeting 10 months of the year.
 - An Annual Learning Summit 2 day gathering of top keynote speakers and practical workshops for TPIRC Pastors and 3-5 lay leaders from each church offering
 - Cohorts comprised of 5-7 TPIRC churches meeting semi-annually for networking and resource sharing

These resources, along with TPIRC coordination and administration are supported with a \$1,000,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment for a five year period beginning in Jan. 2019.

Participating churches will pay a “buy-in” fee of \$500 annually. The only other TPIRC costs are time and travel.

Participation Expectations for Clergy Community of Practice Facilitators

The role of the CCOP Facilitator includes being a: **Facilitator** (listener who facilitates process, not an expert but trusting group wisdom); **Host** (providing snacks and hospitality); **Worship leader** (providing a devotional at CCOP gatherings); **Mini-Administrator** (keeps meeting calendar, sends reminders, writes reports); **Covenant Keeper** (keeps group on track its covenant and group process).

- Experienced pastors who have served healthy and vital congregations
- Understand and skilled at facilitating small group process
- A very good listener
- Participant in the wider church
- Certified in Boundary Training and experienced in setting appropriate boundaries
- Receives a \$1500 stipend, including expenses, travel, etc.
- Participates in quarterly Facilitator meetings (in person and online) for coordination, group status reports, learning, review, program administration