

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

APPLICATION FOR PASTORS AND CHURCHES

First Name:	Last Name:	
Email:	Phone:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Church Name:		
Key Church Member-Lay Leader Contact:		
Email:	Phone:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

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

1. Please describe the size and demographics of your congregation. Do they match the description on the reverse side of this application?

2. Have you received a LEEAP or other grant in the last five years?

3. For the Pastor; do you intend to remain in this congregation for the duration of the program?

4. What excites you about this program?

5. For the Congregation; do you understand that there is a cost to participating in this program, and do you agree to participate in and remain in this program for the duration of the grant, approximately 5 years?

Signature (Pastor) _____ Date _____

Signature (Congregation) _____ Date _____

EXPECTATIONS OF PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

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:
 - A trained and certified 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
 - 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

- Pastors will meet (incl. possibly online) monthly with a Clergy Coach at no cost.
- Pastors will also come together in Clergy Community of Practice groups 10 months of the year at no cost
- Pastors help select 3-5 lay leaders to participate in TPIRC
- Pastors participate in written and conversational quantitative and qualitative surveys in the 1st, 3rd and 5th years of the grant period.
- Pastors and 3-5 lay leaders will attend a two day Annual Learning Summits (2nd Friday and Saturday of September) at no cost
- Pastors and lay leaders will participate in two cohort gatherings of 6-7 churches annually
- **We believe in God’s grace therefore pastors or lay people who may not complete the full 5 years of the grant are still welcome to apply**

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 **May 1, 2019**.