

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation

Education & Enrichment for Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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The presbytery is responsible for providing worship, preaching, celebration of the sacraments, pastoral care, and leadership for its churches. To provide proper training for authorized persons to preach and lead worship and offer other pastoral functions for churches, the Presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, and Beaver Butler, have joined together to provide a quality educational program.

The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for spiritual enrichment, as well as to train lay people in preaching and church leadership. Smaller churches in the presbyteries are looking for part-time pastors (CPs/CREs) to lead them. Some prefer having several preachers fill their pulpit on a rotating basis. They rely on Authorized Preachers to do that. Churches of all sizes have a need to fill the pulpit for a week here and there. Again, this is a chance for an Authorized Preacher to minister to a congregation. Larger churches may feel a need for someone to take on a particular ministry such as visiting the shut-ins. There is a need for people to pastor to the elderly in various care settings. There are increasing opportunities for Commissioned Pastors (CPs) to have a place in ministry.

But also, this is available education and enrichment for all elders in our Presbyterian Church (USA).

Do you feel that God is calling you to a type of ministry serving churches week by week or as a commission? Do you feel this could be a vocation where you belong?

For more information, contact your presbytery staff.

How the Program Works

There are three components to this 4-semester program.

1. Courses *(all four (4) are required)*

These classes have face-to-face meetings at least three times during the 15-week term. There will be online assignments also. They will be common to the whole cohort.

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| Intro to the New Testament | Term 1 |
| Intro to the Old Testament | Term 2 |
| Intro to Reformed Theology | Term 3 |
| Intro to Reformed Worship/Sacraments | Term 4 |

2. Workshops *(participate in six (6); four (4) are required)*

A variety of workshops will be led on a rotating basis. The format will be a 3-hour session on one day. You may attend the workshop on the date that best suits your schedule. These may be taken simultaneously with the Courses.

Required

Ethics/Boundaries
Pastoral Care
Polity
Proclaiming the Word

Examples of Elective Workshops

Advanced Reformed Theology
Advanced Scriptures
Church Leadership
Evangelism
Spiritual Formation

3. Field Education/Practicum *(participate in each after completing prerequisite)*

Each Field Education/Practicum will be under the direction of an experienced supervisor.

Requirement

Church Administration
Pastoral Care
Preaching
Worship/Sacraments

Prerequisite Workshop

Polity
Pastoral Care
Proclaiming the Word
Polity *and* Proclaiming the Word

What the Program Costs

Coursework

The cost to the participant is **\$250 per term for tuition**. That is a total cost of \$1000 for the coursework. *All checks should be made payable to **Redstone Presbytery** and mailed to Bobbie Martin, Redstone Presbytery, 1004 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Greensburg, PA 15601*

Books and Supplies

Some books will be provided by the program. However, you will be responsible to purchase additional books and supplies.

Subsidized by the presbyteries of Redstone, Upper Ohio Valley, Washington, Pittsburgh, and Beaver-Butler.

The Synod of the Trinity provided grant money to underwrite the cost of the initiation of this program.

How to Apply

- Complete the application sections below (*Part 1 and Part 2*).
- Meet with your Session for their endorsement and get Moderator's or Clerk's signature.
- Contact your presbytery to meet with an appropriate committee for endorsement and signature.
- Once completed, return Application and Endorsements to Skip Noftzger

By mail: Redstone Presbytery
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Or scan and email: secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

APPLICATION FORM – Part 1

*Ruling Elders in Particular Pastoral Service Program
Presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, Beaver-Butler*

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Primary Phone No. _____ Email _____

Education _____

Home Church _____ How long have you been a member of this church? _____

Offices held in Church or Presbytery _____

Most courses/workshops will be on Saturday (usually once a month).

Will employment hinder your participation? (yes/no) _____

If yes, please explain _____

Other activities you are involved in that may help or hinder your participation:

SESSION ENDORSEMENT

***Please consider how your Session might support this person:
Prayer, Mentor, Financial Support, Other Ways.***

Name of Applicant _____ Church Name _____

1. How long has this person been a member of your congregation, and in what ways has she/he contributed to the ministry and mission of your congregation?
2. What gifts does this person possess that will foster growth in Christian leadership formation?
3. Are there any barriers that will keep this person from being able to fulfill this special calling?
4. Is there any additional information about this person that would be helpful for IPLF leaders to know?
5. Is your Session able to support this person in one or more of the ways mentioned in the box above? Please be as specific as possible.

Signature of Moderator or Clerk of Session

Date

PRESBYTERY COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Pittsburgh, and Beaver-Butler

Our presbytery committee has met with: _____

We affirm this person's sense of call and endorse his/her application to begin the program.

Name of Presbytery

Committee of Presbytery

Signature of Chairperson of Committee

Date