



MRC Pastoral Renewal Program

The MRC Pastoral Renewal Program is provided to help strengthen our Pastors through renewal and reflection. It is designed to help Pastors step away from their responsibilities for a week/weekend for Spiritual Renewal and Retreat. This getaway is not a vacation, but a time to recharge, hear from the Lord and fill your own spiritual tank through reflection and rest.

A Limited number of grants are available this year up to \$1,000 to assist in the cost of travel, event registration, lodging, & meals for an experience that will aid in Spiritual Renewal. Grants will be administered by the Pastoral Renewal Task Force. The approval process and notification of program acceptance is open and will continue while funds are available.

If interested, please complete the application on the reverse side of this page. Additional resources are listed below. Questions may be directed to Pastor Travis Bodden director@midwestregion.org or by phone 260-244-4042.

Caring for the Pastor: The Sabbatical

What a sabbatical is; things to consider; steps to plan
<https://www.9marks.org/article/caring-pastor-sabbatical/>

Five Guidelines for a Successful Sabbatical

similar to the article above, snapshot including financial plan
<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/pastor-ministry-guidelines-successful-sabbatical-vacation>

Guidelines for Sabbatical Leaves for Pastors

<https://work.chron.com/guidelines-sabbatical-leaves-pastors-14568.html>

Pastors in the Outdoors <https://pastorsoutdoors.org/> (multiple locations)

Retreat in Freeport, IL <https://drmretreats.org/>
<https://drmretreats.org/related-links> (web resources: retreat locations and sabbatical info)

Retreat in Martinsville, IN <https://rest-ministries.org/> (personal sabbatical or group)

Lilly Endowment, Inc. (sabbatical grant for Indiana or work relating to Indiana)
<https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/renewal-programs/pastors/>

Indianapolis Retreat House <https://www.archindy.org/fatima/rental.html>

Ohio Retreat Center <https://www.pinesretreat.org/>

Bear Lake Camp <https://www.bearlakecamp.com/>

Camp Maranatha <https://www.campmaranatha.org/>

Camp Berreman Call Pam (815) 238-6649