

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation

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

Offered by the Presbyteries of

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The presbytery is responsible for providing worship, preaching, celebration of the sacraments, pastoral care and leadership for its churches (Bk of Order, G-3.0301). To provide proper training for authorized persons to preach and lead worship, and offer other pastoral functions for churches, our five presbyteries have developed a program of core courses, workshops, and supervised ministry experiences.

One purpose of the program is training ruling elders for preaching and leading. Smaller churches are looking for part-time lay pastors (CPs /CREs) to lead them; others rely on lay preachers to do that. Churches of all sizes have occasional need of capable pulpit supply preachers, or may need a trained leader for a particular ministry such as visiting homebound members.

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? Could this be a vocation where you belong? Opportunities for commissioned service are on the increase, and each presbytery's need is growing.

For more information, contact your presbytery.

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.

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)*

The workshops will be led at each presbytery on a rotating basis. The format will be a 3-4 hour session on one day. You may attend the workshop in any presbytery to find a 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
Preaching for Advent/Lent
Moderating Effective Session Mtgs.
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

IPLF is subsidized by the presbyteries of Redstone, Washington, Upper Ohio Valley, Kiskiminetas, and Pittsburgh. In addition, the Synod of the Trinity has provided grant money to underwrite portions of this program.

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.

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

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Or scan and email: secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

APPLICATION FORM – Part 1

Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation

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

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