

With the new year unfolding, I've had many conversations about board trainings. There are a few ways board trainings can work.

1. We can put together an area wide training and the Great Lakes Region will pay for all my expenses. One centrally located church would volunteer to host and you and your boards would travel to that church for a group training.

2. We can connect on Zoom. If you want an inexpensive way to train just your board, we can meet on Zoom. I have participated in Zoom trainings in the past and they are very effective. When we did one at my church, my board met together and we connected with our facilitator via zoom. I had to purchase an extra microphone so we could all be heard, but it worked very well. It can also work with each individual coming in on zoom, but I like the board being together the best.

3. I can come to your church individually and work with just your board. Your church would pay all the expenses, travel, room and love offering for the training. Often when I travel, I can stay over and lead your Sunday worship.

Having been a pulpit minister for 23 years, I find incredible value in board training. Most people who come onto our boards don't know how to manage a church, whose responsibility it is to get things done, working knowledge of the by-laws and oh so many other things. Board trainings bond the group so they work most effectively together. Like my friend Martha Creek says, "Together we can do what I cannot do alone." Let me know if you want to talk about a training for your board. My email is glurrep@gmail.com.

I am continuing my support calls on Zoom. The first Thursday at 11:00 a.m. ET is just for ministers and spiritual leaders. The third Thursday at 11:00 a.m ET is for anyone in a leadership position. These calls are meant to be supportive and a great resource for sharing ideas. Here is the link to both sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85493122780>.

My friend Daniel Nahmod often comes to the third Wednesday Zoom to start us off with a couple of songs. It's a great intro and a nice way for you to get to know Daniel and his amazing music.

Sending blessings for a great start to 2026!