



**Registration Now Open for
Periodic Vocational Support Retreat
November 12-13, 2018**

Registration is now open for the Periodic Vocational Support Retreat for authorized ministers in the Southeast and Southwest Associations. The retreat will be held at Pilgrim Center. The first session begins at 2:00pm on November 12 and the retreat concludes at 2:00pm on November 13. The cost is \$35 per person. [Click here for details and online registration.](#)

Our retreat leader is Ross Peterson, recently retired director of the Midwest Ministry Center in suburban Chicago. The retreat will focus on the intersection of personhood and ministry, helping us to do our own internal assessment of ourselves and our ministries in conversation with colleagues.

Periodic Vocational Support is a requirement for authorized ministers outlined in the new Manual on Ministry. Down the road, SEA Church and Ministry Team will be asking all active authorized ministers to participate in one in-person Periodic Vocational Support retreat within a 5 year period. Retreats will be offered every other year. While we are not requiring you to attend this first retreat (because we have done very little with Periodic Vocational Support in the past) we do hope that you will consider attending this fall.

We recognize that this retreat falls closely on the heels of our SEA-hosted Boundary Awareness Training in Oconomowoc on October 30, which may prevent some of you from joining us at Pilgrim Center, but we do hope that others of you will consider this opportunity to engage with colleagues from our two associations. Southwest is requiring their clergy to attend, but they have been more faithful than we in providing Periodic Vocational Support in recent years. We think we can learn from one another, in addition to being inspired by Ross Peterson, in this November retreat opportunity.

This year the cost of the retreat is underwritten by a grant from the Brown Endowment of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Beth Abbott and Rev. John Helt, Co-Chairs, SEA Church and Ministry Team