

# Clergy Communities of Practice

*Focus on the praxis of ministry, learn from colleagues,  
be fed spiritually and physically*

The challenge for clergy is often how to find ways to be continually renewed in your own faith and practices. The Communities of Practice (COP) are groups for those who are serving in ministry. While each COP is unique in some ways, they also have some common intentions:

- \* Share information, insight and advice around case studies or situations in your own setting
- \* Ponder common issues, explore ideas and act as sounding boards to colleagues
- \* Feel a bond in learning and spiritual support together
- \* Create environments for intentional learning where each perspective can be heard
- \* Develop a common body of knowledge, practices, and approaches
- \* Develop personal relationships with colleagues
- \* Provide spiritual discernment and prayerful support to one another

Each COP is facilitated by a clergy colleague who receives specialized training and financial support in their role and is charged with keeping the group's calendar, lifting up the mutually created covenant, providing hospitality, and providing worship for the group, as well as facilitating the conversations. There is a participation fee for joining a group, currently that fee is \$250 per program year and is invoiced on a pro-rated basis as you join a group.

To let us know you're interested just complete the information below and email or snail mail to: Patty Rehrig, Communities of Practice, Penn Northeast Conference, 431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071 – [patty@pnec.org](mailto:patty@pnec.org) We look forward to connecting you with a Community Of Practice!

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to join a Community of Practice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church or other setting in which you serve and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any factors which you would like us to take into account.

\_\_\_\_\_ Geography

\_\_\_\_\_ I would travel 30 miles or less \_\_\_\_\_ I would travel 30-60 miles \_\_\_\_\_ Distance is not a mitigating factor

\_\_\_\_\_ I would prefer to meet with clergy who are also...

\_\_\_\_\_ Interim Ministers \_\_\_\_\_ Serving a multi-staff church \_\_\_\_\_ Chaplains \_\_\_\_\_ Retired

\_\_\_\_\_ Other? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

My fee is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

I need assistance and have attached a Longsdorf Scholarship form \_\_\_\_\_

