

Presbytery of Great Rivers

SABBATICAL GRANT

The Presbytery of Great Rivers' Visioning Team has approved a new Sabbatical Grant program aimed at helping pastors and churches with the cost of a sabbatical.

Sabbatical leave is a carefully planned period of time in which a pastor is granted leave away from his or her normal ministerial responsibilities in order to spend an extended period of time in rest, renewal, and recovery, through prayer, reflection and relaxation. Sabbatical leave is not vacation, nor is it continuing education. Sabbatical leave can be a needed break from the long hours, high pressure, personal sacrifice, and 24 hour a day, seven day a week nature of pastoral ministry.

Sabbatical leave can be a time of prayer, rest, study and travel, either at home or abroad. It can provide the needed change of scenery and pace that can help prevent burnout for the pastor of a congregation. Sabbatical leave can also be beneficial for the congregation in that the pastor may return from sabbatical leave with renewed energy and rediscovered zeal for ministry. It is also a time when congregations can refocus its energies around the leadership of the church and discover new energy from within.

The PGR Sabbatical Grant is available to PGR pastors currently serving a church who are planning a Session approved sabbatical. Pastors may request up to \$2000 to help with sabbatical related expenses, and up to \$500 to help the church with expenses related to the pastor's absence during the sabbatical.

If you are interested in applying for the Sabbatical Grant, please fill out the application below and send it to Patti Parrish at the Presbytery Office at pparrish@greatriverspby.org.

Presbytery of Great Rivers PASTOR SABBATICAL GRANT

The Presbytery of Great Rivers offers Sabbatical grants up to \$2000 for minister members of the Presbytery who plan to take a Session approved sabbatical. Pastors seeking the grant should fill out application after their Session has approved the sabbatical time and plan.

Pastors may also ask for funds up to \$500 to help their congregation with expenses such as pulpit supply, someone to make pastoral care visits, and moderate Session

I. APPLICANT

Name

Address

City State ZIP Phone Email

Have you previously taken a sabbatical? Yes No

If yes, please give the date(s) and the length of time: _____

Amount Requested (up to \$2000): _____

CONGREGATION

(If you serve more than one congregation, please attach a separate sheet for additional information)

Name

Address

City State ZIP Phone Email

Signature of Clerk of Session

Name & Phone

Date of Session Approval: _____

Amount Requested (up to \$500): _____

II. PLEASE ATTACH YOUR SABBATH SABBATICAL PROPOSAL INCLUDING:

- Sabbath Sabbatical purpose
- Sabbatical description
- Estimated total sabbatical cost, budget, and funding sources
- Expected dates of Sabbath Sabbatical
- Benefits you expect to gain from the experience and benefits to the congregation

Signature of applicant

Date