

Spiritual Leader Development Commission Report to Gathering October 21, 2021

The ongoing COVID pandemic dramatically shifted the work of the Commission on Spiritual Leader Development again over the course of the past months. The Commission made the difficult decision *not* to host a clergy and/or family retreat for a second year in a row as concerns about the Delta variant and the lack of vaccinations for children under the age of 11 continued to rise over the late spring and summer. Instead, the Commission is excited to announce that part of that funding will be used to hire a facilitator for a clergy Bible Study, which will be held online via zoom.

The Commission was relieved to learn that Triennium *will* continue next summer for youth. It will be held at the Indiana Convention Center rather than at Purdue University, and it is a slightly shorter conference than it has been previously. The planning team, however, is working with The Center to add a local component that will help build relationships between youth here in the Presbytery. Stay tuned for more information!

Much of the funding that SLD oversees is earmarked for scholarships - a significant portion of which is to support church leaders (not just pastors!) who want to attend continuing education events. The Commission merely asks that those who receive scholarships for such events come up with creative ways to share what they learn with the rest of the Presbytery. Additionally, funding is available to offset the cost of coaching.

In 2021 so far, scholarship funds have been spent for the following:

- \$1656 - Tuition support for a CRE candidate
- \$200 - RE attending an EQHR Workshop
- \$600 - TE taking part in a Youth Ministry Coaching Cohort
- \$200 - TE Coaching
- \$600 - Session Coaching

The Commission strongly encourages *all* leaders within the Presbytery to make use of scholarship funds. Contact Rev. Rebecca Crate-Price (springfieldpastor@gmail.com) or Rev. Jennifer Barchi (jbarchi@baltimorepresbytery.org) for more info.