

Center for Clergy Excellence
Texas Annual Conference
**PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES CLERGY PEER GROUP
PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

To apply to become part of a Professional Disciplines Clergy Peer Group, please print this application, complete, and mail to the Facilitator of the group in which you'd like to participate.

If you have questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions, please contact Rev. Carol Bruse, Associate Director, Center for Clergy Excellence, at 713.521.9383, extension 303, or at carol.bruse@txcumc.org.

Name:

District:

Number of years in professional ministry under Episcopal appointment:

Current Appointment:

Briefly describe your current appointment.

Please include your title, areas of responsibility, size of church (membership, worship attendance, and staff), and type of church (i.e., urban, suburban, rural, new church start, transformation), if applicable.

Please check one box below to indicate in which clergy peer group you'd like participate:

- Associate Pastors Group (Burt Palmer and Judy Tefteller, Facilitators)
- Lake Community Church Pastors Group (Mike Mayhugh, Facilitator)
- Large Suburban Church Pastors Group (Jerome Brimmage and Morris Matthis, Facilitators)
- Mid-Size Church Pastors Group (Jim Flagg, Facilitator)
- Program Church Pastors Group (Rita Sims, Facilitator)
- Small Membership Church Pastors Group (Tom Morgan, Facilitator)
- Transitional Church Pastors Group (Jeremiah Booker, Facilitator)

Preferred Address/City/State/Zip:

Preferred phone number(s):

Preferred e-mail address:

Why are you interested in being part of a Professional Disciplines Clergy Peer Group?

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and understand that:

1. I am willing to become part of a Professional Disciplines Group for at least one year, from June to June.
2. If possible, I will be grouped with 8 to 12 clergypersons in similar ministry settings in the Texas Annual Conference.
3. Each group will meet 10-12 days each year--10-12 one day meetings, 5 two-day meetings, 4 three-day meetings, or similar equivalent.

If selected to be part of one of these groups, I acknowledge and understand that:

4. I will participate in decisions about where and how often the group meets. However, I realize that attending a meeting may include up to four hours of travel each way and an overnight stay. I understand that I will be responsible for all of my own related transportation, food, and lodging costs.
5. I will be required to contribute \$500.00 annually (from my personal or Continuing Education funds) towards our Coach-Facilitator's stipend and Continuing Education speakers' honorariums. (Checks should be written to "Texas Annual Conference" with "Professional Disciplines" and name of group demographic in memo line. Checks must be given to the Facilitator or mailed to the Center for Clergy Excellence, 5215 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, by January 31 of the year after participation begins.)
6. My participation in this group will meet the Texas Annual Conference expectation of Clergy Peer Group participation, and will also count towards my annual Texas Annual Conference Continuing Education requirements.
7. I am agreeing to sign and abide by my group's written covenant of participation and confidentiality. I understand that if I refuse to sign and/or abide by my group's written covenant of participation and confidentiality, I may be asked to consider another type of Clergy Peer Group or One-to-One Encouragement relationship.

Please send an e-mail to the Facilitator of the demographic group in which you'd like to participate; and then print, complete, and mail this participant application directly to the Facilitator.