

Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program

Key Points at a Glance

*Renewed
People.
Stronger
Together.*

FAITH
PEOPLE
COMMUNITY
TOMORROW

PEOPLE • PARTNERSHIP • RENEWAL • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

1 Purpose



- A competitive grants program administered by Christian Theological Seminary (CTS).
- Supports renewal for both pastors and congregations.
- Designed to strengthen the relationship between pastor and congregation for future ministry together.

2 Who May Apply



- Christian congregations in the United States and Puerto Rico.
- The congregation must have an ordained pastor serving in parish ministry.
- The pastor and congregation should share a strong relationship marked by trust, support, and a desire for renewal.

3 Funding



- Maximum total grant request: \$60,000.
- Up to \$20,000 may be used by the congregation for pulpit supply, pastoral coverage, and congregational renewal activities during the pastor's leave.
- There is no specific cap within the total award on the pastor's renewal-leave activities.
- If the congregation does not need grant funds for expenses during the pastor's absence, the full \$60,000 may be applied to the pastor's renewal budget.

4 Planning Requirements



- Congregational leaders and the pastor should design the renewal program together.
- The proposal should address:
 - the structure of the program
 - the pastor's activities during the leave
 - congregational renewal activities during the leave
 - how pastor and congregation will share insights and experiences after the leave concludes

5 Application & Selection



- The congregation submits the proposal to CTS.
- More than 190 grants are typically awarded each year.

6 Key Takeaway



- This program is more than a sabbatical grant.
- It is a shared renewal opportunity for both pastor and congregation.
- The strongest proposals reflect thoughtful planning, mutual trust, and a vision for renewed ministry together.