

# Sabbatical and Continuing Education Resources

Each of The Presbyterian Seminaries has particular programs and continuing education opportunities. Our Local Presbyterian Seminary is Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at [www.pts.edu](http://www.pts.edu).

1. Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program at [www.clergyrenewal.org](http://www.clergyrenewal.org)
  - § A competitive grants program open to Christian congregations that have an ordained pastor
  - § Approximately 100 grants are awarded annually
2. Board of Pensions, PCUSA. Sabbatical grants for pastors of smaller churches. See [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)
3. Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI at [www.calvinseminary.edu](http://www.calvinseminary.edu)
  - § Seminars in Christian Scholarship and Calvin Institute of Christian Worship
  - § Some partial stipends are offered
4. Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders, The Louisville Institute at [www.louisville-institute.org](http://www.louisville-institute.org)
  - § Grants from 6-12 weeks for full time pastors and church staff members
5. Union Theological Seminary and PSCE, Richmond, VA at [www.union-psce.edu](http://www.union-psce.edu) and [CMLD@union-psce.edu](mailto:CMLD@union-psce.edu)
  - § Inquire on Leadership Development
  - § The Connelly Gamble Tower Scholar Program is a one week program for pastors, educators, and other church leaders engaged in pioneering work in ministry who wish to advance their efforts
  - § No charge for meals or lodging
  - § Stipend for travel costs is offered
6. The Company of Pastors, 100 Witherspoon St., Louisville, KY 40202-1396
  - § Denominational Program to become part of a covenant community of colleagues practicing spiritual, intellectual and vocational disciplines
  - § Annual subscription.
7. Annual Clergy Sabbath Retreat
  - § First held over Memorial Day Week 2005
  - § Check [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) for details
8. Presbyterian Church (USA) national and regional conference centers:
  - § Ghost Ranch at [www.ghostranch.org](http://www.ghostranch.org)  
Abiquiu and Santa Fe, New Mexico; Casa del Sol (Home of the Sun) a spirituality center at Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu .
  - § Stony Point, New York at [www.stonypointcenter.org](http://www.stonypointcenter.org)
  - § Montreat, North Carolina at [www.montreat.org](http://www.montreat.org)
  - § Further information available at [www.pcusa.org/ideas](http://www.pcusa.org/ideas) in *Ideas for Church Leaders*, Volume Five, Issue Four, Summer 2006. Page 11.

Other resources to consider:

What Makes a High-Quality Proposal? at [www.clergyrenewal.org](http://www.clergyrenewal.org)

Suggested texts on sabbatical programs found at [www.alban.org](http://www.alban.org):

Clergy Renewal: the Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning by A. Richard Bullock and Richard J. Bruesehoff.

Journeying toward Renewal by Melissa Bane Sevier

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