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Lilly Endowment awards clergy renewal grants to congregations in 38 states and the District of Columbia

Lilly Endowment has announced the 147 recipients of grants in the 13th round of the National Clergy Renewal Program. This program enables congregations to support their pastors for an extended time of renewal and reflection, allowing them time to step back from their busy lives and gain fresh perspective and renewed energy for ministry.

Congregations nominated their pastors for these grants, making compelling cases for their pastor to be honored for his or her work and proposing a carefully considered season of travel, study, rest and prayer. Many of the pastors will seek to regain spiritual vitality through the ancient Christian practice of walking as pilgrims in several countries—the path of Jesus in Israel, the path of the Exodus, some or all of the 500-mile Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) in Spain, the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul in Greece, Turkey and Italy—and making retreats in Benedictine monasteries, walking the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, and living in sacred space on the Isle of Iona and other Celtic spiritual destinations.

This class of 147 brings to 1,745 the number of congregations that have participated since the clergy renewal program began in 2000. Through this program the Endowment invites Christian congregations to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to support an extended period of intentional reflection and renewal for their ministers. Working with their congregations, the ministers design their renewal programs to fit their own needs and aspirations. Pastors are encouraged to include their families in the renewal activities. Up to \$15,000 of the grant may be used for the congregation to pay for interim pastoral leadership while the pastor is away, as well as for renewal activities within the congregation. Congregations in this round received grants totaling nearly \$6.5 million.

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“Time and time again we hear that these renewal experiences are transformative for pastors, their families and their congregations,” said N. Clay Robbins, the Endowment’s president and CEO. “We intend for this program to enable pastors to live for a while at a different pace and in a new environment, in Sabbath time and space. Many pastors and their families return with a rich store of shared memories, having had large blocks of unbroken time together, uninterrupted by the 24-hour-a-day routine of the ministry.”

Pastors will use their three- or four-month gift of time in a variety of ways. They will reconnect with extended families of origin in Cameroon, Ghana, South Korea, India and the United Kingdom; visit mission sites or previous settings of their ministry in China, Myanmar, Russia, the Czech Republic, Nepal, Lithuania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Tanzania and South Africa. This year’s round of grantees will find one congregation sending its pastor to Antarctica, only the second pastor to travel to that far continent in the entire history of the program. For pastors wanting to polish their Spanish language skills, there will be opportunities for language immersion in places such as Spain, Peru, Chile and every country in Central America. Pilgrim pastors also will connect with denominational roots in the United Kingdom, Germany, Switzerland and France.

As in years past, the arts and physical fitness and wellness are high on the agenda for many of these pastors. Some hope to write, record and perform new music. Other plans include lessons in violin or guitar, painting, weaving and photography; writing and storytelling workshops; jazz festivals, music camp, the Barcelona Music Festival, the Chautauqua Institute and Bluegrass festivals. One pastor wants to attend the Culinary Institute of America and then use the skills learned in healthy cooking as a volunteer at Holden Village.

Congregations in this round of grants are located in 38 states and the District of Columbia; they represent 21 denominations. Three are nondenominational and three are multid denominational. They range in size from a congregation with an annual budget of \$18 million and 11,242 at multiple worship services to one that has a budget of \$105,000 with 55 at worship.

“The wealth of imagination unleashed by this program is truly wonderful to see,” said the Endowment’s Robbins. “We can think of no better way to honor these hardworking, faithful men and women than to help them experience personal growth and spiritual renewal in ways that they themselves design and find meaningful.”

Beginning in 2013, the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs will be housed at and administered by Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. An announcement to that effect can be found at the Endowment’s website: lillyendowment.org. Application information regarding the 2013 program will be available at the seminary’s website (cts.edu/crp) after November 1.

Please see the attached list of recipients.

National Clergy Renewal Program/2012
147 grants

Alabama

Huntsville – Holmes Street United Methodist Church, \$47,866
Kelly A. Clem

Arkansas

Fayetteville – First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), \$50,000
Ryan H. Pfeiffer

Colorado

Crested Butte – Union Congregational Church (United Church of Christ [UCC]), \$44,155
Timothy Q. Clark and Kelly Jo Clark

Littleton – St. Gregory's Episcopal Church, \$37,389
Todd W. Sorensen

Longmont – St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, \$46,893
Ralph "Max" Bailey

Monument – Tri-Lakes Chapel (nondenominational), \$44,715
Edward K. Rowell

Vail – Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, \$40,747
Stuart B. Keith III

Connecticut

Niantic – Niantic Community Church (UCC/United Methodist Church), \$49,730
John A. Nelson

District of Columbia

Washington – Matthews Memorial Baptist Church (independent), \$48,157
C. Matthew Hudson Jr.

Washington – Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, \$44,737
Donna C. Sokol

Florida

Apalachicola – Trinity Episcopal Church, \$38,996
Martha C. Harris

Cape Coral – Grace United Methodist Church, \$45,972
Jorge A. Acevedo

Jacksonville – San Jose Episcopal Church, \$41,965
Stephen C. Britt

Jacksonville – St. Johns Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church of the USA [PCUSA]), \$47,034
Tara R. Thompson

Georgia

Atlanta – Westside Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church in America), \$47,273
Walter H. Henegar

Decatur – Briarlake Baptist Church (Southern Baptist Convention [SBC]), \$48,762
Thomas G. Ferrell Sr.

Marietta – First Baptist Church (SBC/Cooperative Baptist Fellowship [CBF]), \$47,981
William L. Ross

Snellville – Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$40,068
Michael W. Garrett

Illinois

Algonquin – Light of Christ Lutheran Church (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America [ELCA]), \$34,156
Kendall L. Koenig

Chicago – Lawndale Christian Reformed Church (Christian Reformed Church in North America [CRCNA]), \$50,000
James E. Wolff

Chicago – St. James Catholic Church, \$49,465
J. Edward Linton

Chicago – St. John's Episcopal Church, \$35,600
Kara W. Sherer

Chicago – Third Baptist Church (Progressive National Baptist Convention/American Baptist Churches [ABC]), \$48,608
Alan V. Ragland

Elgin – Zion Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$37,760
David D. Daubert

Evanston – Grace Church (ELCA), \$49,775
E. Daniel Ruen

Glenview – United Methodist Church, \$49,960
Hwa-Young Chong

Lake Forest – St. James Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$35,839
Richard E. Holmer

Libertyville – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$22,340
Luke P. Hyder

Machesney Park – GPS Faith Community Church (ELCA), \$47,969
Robert K. James

Mount Prospect – Northwest Covenant Church (Evangelical Covenant Church of America), \$48,958
J. Paul Thompson

Naperville – Knox Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$49,900
Clinton G. Roberts and Deborah C. Roberts

Northlake – St. John Vianney Parish (Catholic), \$49,961
Thomas Refermat

Tiskilwa – Willow Springs Mennonite Church, \$49,970
Calvin D. Zehr

Wilmette – St. John's Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$36,461
Joseph E. McInnis

Iowa

Dubuque – St. John's Episcopal Church, \$38,597
Kathleen S. Milligan

Dyersville – Basilica of St. Francis Xavier (Catholic), \$38,319
Dennis J. Quint

Norwalk – Norwalk United Methodist Church, \$49,681
Kiboko I. Kiboko

Sioux City – Sunnybrook Community Church (Reformed Church in America [RCA]), \$49,305
Jeffrey C. Moes

Kansas

Leawood – United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, \$50,000
Adam J. Hamilton

Lenexa – Kaw Prairie Community Church (ELCA/PCUSA), \$49,983
Daniel L. McKnight

Pittsburg – Pittsburg Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$48,505
Kweku Otu Annan-Noonoo Jr.

Wichita – First Metropolitan Community Church (Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches), \$48,734
Jacalyn S. Carter

Kentucky

Louisville – Middletown Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), \$49,890
David P. Emery

Maine

Bangor – St. John's Episcopal Church, \$50,000
Marguerite A.H. Steadman

Blue Hill – St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church, \$35,812
Claudia W. Smith

Maryland

Baltimore – Woodbrook Baptist Church (SBC), \$42,104
John S. Ballenger

Chester – Kent Island United Methodist Church, \$48,781
David G. Bennett

Ellicott City – St. John's Episcopal Church, \$46,850
Carol P. Oak

Laurel – Emmanuel United Methodist Church, \$35,582
Stephanie E. Vader

Massachusetts

Boston – Emmanuel Church (Episcopal), \$49,898
Pamela L. Wertz

Boston – Old South Church (UCC), \$45,000
Nancy S. Taylor

Cambridge – Christ Church (Episcopal), \$49,383
Joseph O. Robinson

Falmouth – St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (Episcopal), \$40,885
Patricia R. Barrett

Hingham – North Street Community Church of the Nazarene, \$47,765
Jeremy D. Scott

Hyannis – Zion Union Church (ABC), \$39,800
Bernard Harris Sr.

Natick – Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$48,467
Rebecca J. Bourret

Newburyport – Hope Community Church (ABC), \$46,965
Peter J. Balentine

Newton Centre – Lutheran Church of the Newtons (ELCA), \$36,469
John K. Stendahl

Michigan

Grandville – Zion Reformed Church (RCA), \$25,495
Gregory W. Brower

Holland – Fellowship Reformed Church (RCA), \$47,835
Brian R. Keepers

Hudsonville – Bauer Christian Reformed Church (CRCNA), \$33,695
Timothy L. Holwerda

Lansing – North Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$45,360
Timothy Chon

Royal Oak – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$41,810
Thomas F. Rice

Saline – St. Paul United Church of Christ, \$49,952
Patricia A. Kenney

Minnesota

Delano – Light of Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$43,717
Lee D. Hallstrom

Duluth – Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$48,948
David M. Carlson

Eveleth – United in Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$49,680
Joel Rova-Hegener and Emily Rova-Hegener

Lakeville – All Saints Catholic Church, \$39,719
Thomas W. Wilson

Minneapolis – Plymouth Church (National Association of Congregational Christian Churches), \$42,104
Jeffrey P. Sartain

St. Paul – First Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$42,791
Christine A.B. Berthelsen

St. Paul – St. Paul's United Church of Christ, \$47,785
Norma Rae Hunt

St. Paul – St. Timothy Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$42,060
Hans M. Jorgensen

Woodbury – Christ Episcopal Church, \$48,797
Ernest Ashcroft

Mississippi

Oxford – Oxford-University United Methodist Church, \$49,597
Claire E. Dobbs

Missouri

St. Louis – St. Paul's Church (Evangelical Free Church of America), \$48,938
A. Mark Friz

Nebraska

Lincoln – Southwood Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$49,839
Michael D. Ryan

Omaha – First Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$37,739
Judith L. Rainforth

Omaha – Presbyterian Church of the Master (PCUSA), \$48,646
Sara M. Tonje

Nevada

Henderson – New Song Church (ELCA), \$37,006
David Poling-Goldenne and Marta Poling-Goldenne

New Hampshire

Auburn – Longmeadow Church (UCC), \$42,527
Ruth E. Gallot

Concord – Wesley United Methodist Church, \$31,030
Peter A. Hey

New Jersey

Mount Holly – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, \$48,580
Kuruvilla K. Chandy

Paterson – Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church (CRCNA), \$45,979
John A. Algera

Red Bank – United Methodist Church of Red Bank, \$45,415
Myrna L. Bethke

New Mexico

Albuquerque – Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$50,000
Thomas C. Hart

New York

Fishkill – First Reformed Church (RCA), \$27,754
Gloria J. McCanna

Syracuse – Park Central Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$49,165
J. Andrew McTyre and Sarah S. McTyre

Utica – Tabernacle Baptist Church (ABC), \$47,425
Mark S. Caruana

North Carolina

Charlotte – Sardis Baptist Church (CBF/Alliance of Baptists), \$48,829
F. Tim Moore

Charlotte – The Park Church (Baptist), \$49,962
Claude R. Alexander Jr.

Charlotte – Wesley United Methodist Church, \$49,300
Hyung Jae Lee

Clemmons – River Oaks Community Church (Evangelical Presbyterian), \$49,779
David P. Beaty

Lexington – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$49,283
A. Lee Zehmer

Thomasville – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$47,039
Michael E. Lamm

Wilson – Wilson Community Church (SBC), \$49,928
Gary W. Combs

North Dakota

Minot – Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$43,035
David W. Maxfield

Ohio

Avon Lake – United Church of Christ, \$44,852
Kelly B. Brill

Bellefontaine – First Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$49,865
Jonathan D. Bull

Cleveland – Trinity Lutheran Church (Lutheran Church/Missouri Synod), \$49,684
Jeffrey D. Johnson

Fairborn – Abiding Christ Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$43,661
Susan B. Nelson

Solon – Solon United Methodist Church, \$46,207
Scott M. Low

Oregon

Aloha – Cooper Mountain Presbyterian Fellowship (PCUSA), \$49,873
Scott W. Peterson

Ashland – First United Methodist Church, \$49,965
Pamela G. Nelson-Munson

Lake Oswego – Our Savior’s Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$45,128
Kim S. Frenz

Newberg – Newberg Friends Church (Quaker), \$46,550
Gregory S. Koskela

Portland – St. John’s Church (Episcopal), \$29,888
Robert Harrison Bryant

Portland – Hillsdale Community Church (UCC), \$45,040
Jennifer G. Brownell

Portland – St. David of Wales Church (Episcopal), \$39,190
Sara Fischer

Portland – Sunset Covenant Church (Evangelical Covenant Church of America), \$50,000
T. Paul Burdick

Portland – Waverly United Church of Christ, \$42,174
David D. Zaworski

Sisters – Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$49,930
Ronald B. Gregg

Pennsylvania

Allentown – Jordan United Church of Christ, \$49,961
David C. Smith

Arendtsville – Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$13,627
Robert C. Blezard

Clarks Summit – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$43,455
William G. Carter

Hatfield – Plains Mennonite Church, \$50,000
Dawn J. Ranck

Waynesboro – Christ United Methodist Church, \$39,197
A. Robert Cook

York – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$42,339
Stanley D. Reep

South Carolina

Charleston – Providence Baptist Church (CBF), \$35,250
W. Donald Flowers Jr.

South Dakota

Rapid City – St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, \$50,000
Kathleen M. Lutes

Sioux Falls – Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$47,372
Paul D. Stjernholm

Tennessee

Brentwood – Brenthaven Cumberland Presbyterian Church, \$49,855
Kip J. Rush

Franklin – Christ United Methodist Church, \$25,898
Carol T. Cavin-Dillon

Johnson City – St. John’s Episcopal Church, \$36,778
Hal T. Hutchison

Knoxville – Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$44,472
Buran F. Phillips

Nashville – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$40,854
Mark J. DeVries

Texas

Midlothian – First Baptist Church (Baptist General Convention), \$47,105
Bruce L. Prindle

Richardson – Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal), \$42,950
William J. Cavanaugh

San Antonio – Oak Hills Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$49,770
Katheryn Barlow-Williams

Utah

Saint George – Grace Episcopal Church, \$48,970
Catherine C. Gregg

Vermont

Williston – Williston Federated Church (UCC/United Methodist), \$35,272
Joan N. O’Gorman

Virginia

Chesapeake – St. Bride’s Church (Episcopal), \$45,485
R. Stephen Powers

Gloucester – First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$26,370
Douglas E. Nagel

Richmond – Chamberlayne Baptist Church (CBF), \$48,175
Mark D. White

Richmond – Eternity Church (multi-denominational), \$44,894
J. David Singh

Richmond – Ginter Park Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$47,854
Carla P. Keyes

Washington

Burien – St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, \$32,862
Elisabeth A. Seeger

Camano Island – Camano Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$33,023
Scott E. Brents

Edmonds – St. Hilda and St. Patrick Episcopal Church, \$35,896
Cynthia Espeseth

Seattle – Sanctuary Church (CRCNA), \$38,400
Randolph L. Rowland

Spokane – St. Luke Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$50,000
James E. Johnson

Veradale – Valley Bible Church (nondenominational), \$49,276
Ben Orchard

West Virginia

Elkins – Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), \$39,979
Peter A. Vial

Wisconsin

Beaver Dam – First Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$37,837
Mark D. Jensen

Jackson – St. John's Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$33,736
Paul K. Mittermaier

Monona – St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$17,970
Timothy N. Hansen

Racine – Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$31,090
Kara F. Baylor

Viroqua – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA), \$50,000
Lindsay P. Jordan