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**Christian Theological Seminary Announces 140 Congregations Awarded  
Lilly Endowment 2014 National Clergy Renewal Program Grants**

INDIANAPOLIS - Christian Theological Seminary, in its role of administering the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program, has awarded grants to 140 congregations located in 36 states to enable their pastors to step away from daily responsibilities for a period of reflection and renewal. The 2014 program provides pastors with time for travel and immersive experiences in different cultures, opportunities to participate in spiritual retreats and pilgrimages, and focused periods for writing and research about challenges facing Christian communities.

“Pastors play an indispensable role in guiding the work of congregations and the daily demands of leadership are unending,” said Dr. Christopher L. Coble, vice president for religion at the Endowment. “Lilly Endowment is pleased that this program enables hardworking pastors to step away briefly from their ministerial responsibilities for rest and renewal.”

Congregations are awarded grants in the National Clergy Renewal Program to honor and support renewal programs for their pastors. These congregations represent a diverse group that includes Protestant, Catholic and nondenominational churches. Congregational leaders worked with their pastor to design their renewal program and to determine how their pastor would use the grant funds to replenish, restore and renew their pastor’s ministry. Travel to varied destinations and journeys into nature are popular activities for the participating pastors. One pastor will travel to the Iona community in Scotland. Another will engage in study of peace and reconciliation at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, and several recipients will engage in cross-country trips with their families across the United States in order to visit significant places in their lives and ministries.

“We can think of no better way to honor these faithful men and women than to help them experience personal and spiritual renewal in ways that they themselves design and find meaningful,”

Coble said. “We regularly hear that these renewal experiences are transformative for pastors, their families and their congregations.”

In addition to travel as a form of renewal, some pastors will use their time away from congregational leadership to explore music and the arts or enjoy extended periods of tranquil solitude and reflection. One congregation will send its pastor to engage in genealogical research while simultaneously immersing himself in the writings of John Wesley. Another pastor will practice techniques of improvisational theater to see how they might impact congregational ministry.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Saler, director of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, noted that the National Clergy Renewal Program gives congregations an opportunity to demonstrate support, trust and encouragement for their pastor.

“The program is designed to respect the innate human need to balance times of work and service with periods of rest and replenishment,” Saler said. “It provides a means for congregations to express appreciation for their leader’s service and respect for his or her health and energy for continued ministry.”

Since 2000, more than 1,900 congregations across the nation have received grants in the National Clergy Renewal Program to support the renewal programs of their pastors. Congregations in the 2014 program received grants totaling more than \$5 million. Christian congregations were invited to apply for program grants of up to \$50,000. Up to \$15,000 of the grant could be allocated to fund interim pastoral leadership as well as to support renewal activities within the congregation. Pastors were encouraged to include their families in the renewal activities.

“At a time when society is experiencing unprecedented levels of change at ever increasing speeds, it is rewarding to offer programs that recognize the value of retreat and renewal,” Saler said. “We are honored and privileged to work with Lilly Endowment in its support of congregational leaders.”

The National Clergy Renewal Program is part of Christian Theological Seminary’s Center for Pastoral Excellence, which has administered the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs since 2012.

#### **Award Recipients:**

##### **ALASKA**

Anchorage, AK – ChangePoint, Dr. Dan Harvey Jarrell

##### **ALABAMA**

Birmingham, AL – South Highland Presbyterian Church, Dr. James Jeffrey Truesdell

##### **ARIZONA**

Gilbert, AZ – Gilbert Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Theron (Terry) J. Palmer

Glendale, AZ – Peace Lutheran Church, Rev. Allen Lynn Cassel

Scottsdale, AZ – Palm Lane Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Derek Van Dalen

Scottsdale, AZ – Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, Dr. Wesley Damian Avram

## **CALIFORNIA**

Elk Grove, CA – Elk Grove United Methodist Church, Rev. Kathleen Fay La Point-Collup

Los Angeles, CA – New City Church of Los Angeles, Rev. Kevin Konnok Haah

Los Angeles, CA – Los Angeles Holiness Church, Rev. Seigo Brent Takayoshi

Monterey Park, CA – Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Albert Hung

San Marcos, CA – San Marcos Lutheran Church, Rev. Karla Halvorson

Vallejo, CA – First Presbyterian Church of Vallejo, California, Dr. Hampton Deck

## **COLORADO**

Grand Junction, CO – First Presbyterian Church of Grand Junction, Colorado, Pr. Thomas Scott Hansen

Boulder, CO – St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Pr. Peter Alan Munson

## **CONNECTICUT**

Fairfield, CT – Black Rock Congregational Church, Pr. Josh Richard Feay

Glastonbury, CT – The Lutheran Church of St. Mark, Rev. Lydia Wittman

South Glastonbury, CT – Congregational Church in South Glastonbury, Rev. Elizabeth Miller

Vernon, CT – Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pr. Timothy R. Oslovich

## **FLORIDA**

Jacksonville, FL – Mandarin Presbyterian Church, Revs. Jeff and Jenn Arnold

Jacksonville Beach, FL – Palms Presbyterian Church, Rev. Laurie Furr-Vancini

Miami, FL – St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Rev. Wilifred Sophia Nelly Allen-Faiella

Naples, FL – The North Naples United Methodist Church, Dr. Ted Lynn Sauter

Tampa, FL – St. James United Methodist Church, Rev. Steven Noel Ezra

Windermere, FL – Windermere Union Church United Church of Christ, Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

## **GEORGIA**

Atlanta, GA – Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Rev. Michael Radford Sullivan

Saint Marys, GA – First Presbyterian Church, Saint Marys, Georgia, Pr. Rick L. Douylliez

Marietta, GA – Chestnut Ridge Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Pr. Byron Harvey Wells

Monticello, GA – Saint John Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Lavonia Kess McIntyre

## **IOWA**

Davenport, IA – Christ United Methodist Church, Pr. Michael David Janes

## **IDAHO**

Moscow, ID – First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Norman Fowler

## **ILLINOIS**

East Moline, IL – First Presbyterian Church, Pr. Rebecca (Becky) A. Sherwood

Evanston, IL – St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. Betty Estelle Landis

Park Ridge, IL – Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, Rev. Gerald Thomas Gunderson

Western Springs, IL – Western Springs Baptist Church, Pr. Dean Errol Monkemeier

Wilmette, IL – Evangelical Covenant Church of Winnetka, Rev. Andrea Marie Johnson

Woodstock, IL – Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Kenneth Dean Gibson

## **KANSAS**

Leawood, KS – Christ Community Evangelical Free Church, Pr. William Carl Gorman

Overland Park, KS – Overland Park Christian Church, Dr. James Ronald Crowe

## **KENTUCKY**

Louisville, KY – Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Dr. Derek Lee Penwell

Louisville, KY – Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ, Dr. John Gregory Bain

Fort Thomas, KY – First Presbyterian Church, Fort Thomas, KY, Pr. Terrence O'Rourke Webster

## **LOUISIANA**

Alexandria, LA – Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pr. Christopher Austin Thacker

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

Amherst, MA – First Congregational Church in Amherst, UCC, Pr. Vicki Rene Kemper

Boston, MA – Citylife Presbyterian Church, Pr. Stephen Tai Yong Um

Brookline, MA – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Brookline, Rev. Jeffrey Mello

Holliston, MA – First Congregational Church of Holliston, Rev. Bonnie Hauser Steinroeder

Lincoln, MA – St. Anne's in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Rev. Katherine Murphy Malin

Millis, MA – Church of Christ, Congregational, Rev. Jennifer Beth Munroe-Nathans

Pittsfield, MA – First Church of Christ, Congregational, Rev. James Edmund Lumsden

Sudbury, MA – Memorial Congregational Church, Rev. Thomas O'Brien

## **MARYLAND**

Frederick, MD – Frederick Church of the Brethren, Pastr. Sandi Evans Rogers

## **MAINE**

Portland, ME – Stevens Avenue Congregation United Church of Christ, Rev. Ezra Chapola

Sanford, ME – Evergreen Covenant Church, Pr. Francis (Frank) John Catalano

## **MICHIGAN**

Dorr, MI – Holy Cross Antiochian Orthodox Church, Fr. Gregory Hogg

Flint, MI – Resurrection Reformed Church, Rev. Douglas Jay Kiel

Grand Rapids, MI – Hope Reformed Church, Rev. Peter TeWinkle

Grand Rapids, MI – Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Steve Jon De Vries

Holt, MI – First Presbyterian Church of Holt, Rev. Kirk Ronald Miller

West Bloomfield, MI – The Covenant Baptist Church, Dr. Jon David Good

## **MINNESOTA**

Bemidji, MN – Calvary Lutheran Church, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik

Grand Marais, MN – Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church, Rev. Mary Ellen Ashcroft

Minneapolis, MN – Calvary Evangelical Luthern Church of Minneapolis, Pr. Bradley Allen Froslee

Minneapolis, MN – Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, Revs. Daniel and Sally Ankerfelt

Mankato, MN – St. John the Baptist Church, Fr. John Michael Kunz

New Brighton, MN – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School, Fr. Michael C. Skluzacek

Robbinsdale, MN – Faith-Lilac Way English Lutheran Church, Pr. Pamela Irene Stalheim Lane

St. Paul, MN – Church of the Holy Apostles, Rev. M. Letha Wilson-Barnard

St. Paul, MN – Humble Walk Lutheran Chapel, Rev. Jodi Dawn Houge

Silver Bay, MN – The United Protestant Church, Pr. Paul A. Scaringi

Waconia, MN – Waconia Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pr. Dale Roger Peterson

White Bear Lake, MN – Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rev. Pamela Crone Stofferahn

## **MISSOURI**

Saint Louis, MO – Church of Our Lady of Sorrows, Rev. Peter Michael Blake

## **MISSISSIPPI**

Gulfport, MS – Word of Power Ministries, Dr. Vance L. Woods

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Charlotte, NC – Hope Community Church, Rev. Mark Edward Upton

Charlotte, NC – King of Kings Anglican Church, Pr. Julian Randolph Forrester

High Point, NC – St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Fr. David Alton Umphlett

Lake Junaluska, NC – Long's Chapel United Methodist Church, Pr. Charles William Wilson

Raliegh, NC – St. Paul's Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Pr. Diane Elizabeth Faires

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

Minot, ND – Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Nathan Alan Mugaas

## **NEBRASKA**

Omaha, NE – St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Pr. Ellen Marie Stelzle

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Concord, NH – River of Grace Church, Rev. David Remington Pinckney

Hanover, NH – St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Rev. Guy J. D. Collins

## **NEW JERSEY**

Beach Haven, NJ – The Church of The Holy Innocents, Rev. Frank Boyd Crumbaugh

Montclair, NJ – First Congregational Church at Montclair, Pr. Ann Ralosky

Paterson, NJ – The New Horizon Christian Reformed Church, Pr. Marco Avila

Pemberton, NJ – Grace Episcopal Church, Rev. Jane Tanaskovic Brady

Pompton Plains, NJ – The First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, Rev. Kathleen Michele Edwards-Chase

## **NEW YORK**

Liverpool, NY – King of Kings Lutheran Church, Rev. Paul Albert Herpich

New York, NY – Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Pr. Scott Edward Strickman

New York, NY – Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish, Rev. Philip Matthew Trzynka

Northport, NY – The First Presbyterian Church of Northport, Pr. Timothy J. Hoyt Duncan

Saranac Lake, NY – First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Joann White

## **OHIO**

Chagrin Falls, OH – The Federated Church of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Rev. Hamilton Coe Throckmorton

Columbus, OH – First English Lutheran Church, Pr. Robert W. Ward

Lebanon, OH – Antioch church of the Y, Rev. David Joseph Newman

Lewis Center, OH – Korean Presbyterian Church of Columbus, Rev. Joon W. Lee

Toledo, OH – Toledo Mennonite Church, Pr. Joel Shenk

Wyoming, OH – The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, Dr. Edward Goode

## **OREGON**

Cannon Beach, OR – Cannon Beach Community Church, Pr. David Gregory Robinson

Milwaukie, OR – King of Kings Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. Aimee Louise Bruno

Oregon City, OR – Oregon City Evangelical Church, Pr. Thomas James Hurt

Portland, OR – Rivergate Community Church, Pr. Carren Elizabeth Woods

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

Devon, PA – Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pr. Susan Kathreen Ericsson

Indiana, PA – Trinity United Methodist Church of Indiana, Rev. Gregory D. Golden

Mt. Bethel, PA – Mount Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church, Pr. Christopher Harold Priestaf

Pittsburgh, PA – Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pr. Christopher Caldwell Taylor

## **TENNESSEE**

Knoxville, TN – West Emory Presbyterian Church, Pr. Augusta Boyd (Miki) Vanderbilt

Memphis, TN – Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Rev. Stephen Richey Montgomery

## **TEXAS**

Dallas, TX – Peace Mennonite Church, Pr. Ryan Adam Koch

Dallas, TX – Wilshire Baptist Church, Pr. George Arthur Mason

Farmers Branch, TX – Christ United Methodist Church Farmers Branch, Rev. Kenny Ramsey Dickson

San Antonio, TX – Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, Rev. James Carlyle McClain

San Antonio, TX – St. George Episcopal Church, Pr. Ramiro Eduardo Lopez

Spicewood, TX – Bee Creek United Methodist Church, Rev. Laura Jane Heikes

Uvalde, TX – St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Rev. Michael Killingsworth Marsh

## **VIRGINIA**

Alexandria, VA – Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, Pr. Ann Hazard Gillespie

Arlington, VA – Mount Olive Baptist Church, Rev. James Edward Victor

Arlington, VA – Trinity Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA, Rev. Judith Ann Fulp-Eickstaedt

Charlottesville, VA – All Souls Charlottesville, Rev. Winn Collier

Earlsville, VA – Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Pr. Lance William King

Hampton, VA – First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Cynthia Rosser Higgins

McLean, VA – Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. Aaron David Fulp-Eickstaedt

Mechanicsville, VA – First Shiloh Baptist Church, Pr. Roy Neal Siler

Norfolk, VA – St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Rev. Frank Scott Hennessy



Richmond, VA – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rev. Abbott Bailey

Quinton, VA – Emmaus Baptist Church, Pr. Vallerie Faye King

## **VERMONT**

Norwich, VT – Norwich Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Rev. Mary Robbins Brownlow

## **WASHINGTON**

Bellingham, WA – Faith Lutheran Church, Rev. Sharon B. Swanson

Edmonds, WA – Edmonds Lutheran Church, Rev. Julie M. Josund

Maple Valley, WA – Cedar creek Covenant Church, Rev. Kenton S. Johnson

Olympia, WA – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dr. David Robert Kegley

Port Angeles, WA – St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rev. Gail Jeanne Wheatley

Seattle, WA – Alki United Church of Christ, Rev. Diane Sadler Darling

Seattle, WA – Epiphany Parish of Seattle, Rev. Doyt LaDean Conn

Shoreline, WA – Calvin Presbyterian Church, Pr. Neil Edwin Trainer

## **WISCONSIN**

Franklin, WI – Faith Presbyterian Church, Dr. Debra Bergeson-Graham

Janesville, WI – Cargill United Methodist Church, Pr. Forrest Rees Wells

Madison, WI – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rev. Sheryl Leigh Erickson

Markesan, WI – Terrace Shores Evangelical Free Church, Pr. Casey Phillip Getz

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

Charleston, WV – Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Rev. Amy Parker

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