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Lilly Endowment offers clergy renewal program information session

Ordained pastors interested in Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program for Indiana Congregations are invited to attend an information session Tuesday (Oct. 4) at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Also invited are their spouses and a member of their congregation.

The 2006 program will mark the eighth year for the program, which aims to strengthen Indiana congregations by allowing their pastors to spend a period of time away from the daily demands upon them and their families.

Awards may be made for as much as \$45,000, and congregations may use up to \$15,000 of that total to cover pastoral functions while the pastor is away.

Tuesday's program will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will include presentations from three former renewal program participants: the Rev. Helen Enari, First Christian Church in Bloomington; the Rev. Larry Kleiman, St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Carmel, and the Rev. Martin Wright of the Ogilville Church of Christ in Columbus.

Also, Craig Dykstra, Endowment senior vice president for religion, and Jean M. Smith, program director in religion, will answer questions about the program.

Since the renewal program began in 1999, more than 150 Indiana congregations have received grants.

If you are interested, please call the Endowment at 317/924-5471.