



CECL Covenant

CLASS NINE COVENANT between THE GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER ***CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND:***

Pastor Name:

Church Name:

Home Address:

Church Address:

Home Phone:

Church Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Church Denomination:

Church Size:

Present Church Membership:

Pastor of Present Church for How Many Years:

Location of Church (Select One): Inner City Suburb Town Village If other please note:

Licensed for Ministry By:

Date: / /

Ordained for Ministry By:

Date: / /

Education Beyond High School:

Name of School:

Name of School:

Location of School:

Location of School:

Date Left/Graduated:

Date Left/Graduated:

Previous Ministry Experience:

Church Name:

Church Name:

Location of Church:

Location of Church:

Job Title:

Job Title:

Reason for Leaving:

Reason for Leaving:



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Previous Ministry Experience Continued:

Church Name:

Church Name:

Location of Church:

Location of Church:

Job Title:

Job Title:

Reason for Leaving:

Reason for Leaving:

Your ethnic origin: Caucasian African American American Indian Asian Hispanic Other

Marital Status: Married Single Widowed Divorced Remarried

Spouse Name:

Is your Spouse currently employed: Yes No

The Green Lake Conference Center (GLCC), in partnership with the Lilly Endowment, Inc., has developed the *Center for Excellence in Congregational Leadership (CECL)* with the intention of providing a quality training program to enable both clergy and lay leadership to experience excellence in ministry, and to enable the local church to achieve congregational excellence. The CECL program will be open to all evangelical churches with a congregational form of governance for the purpose of enhancing the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, GLCC covenants to provide the CECL program, which will consist of five sessions over a period of two and a half years plus additional systems of support and assistance for the pastor and church.

The CECL program will provide:

1. Quality instruction through the use of pastors of excellence and other keynote presenters who are recognized as leaders in their respective fields.
2. Leadership training for the pastor and three to ten selected key lay leaders of the church.
3. Spiritual development and devotional time as well as recreational time to provide a model for balance in ministry.
4. A training session designed specifically for pastors and their spouses.
5. Relevant and meaningful worship services.
6. Establishment of long-term pastoral support groups for friendship, professional support and accountability.
7. Room and meals for all participants.

The Church covenants to provide:

1. Commitment of the congregation to support the CECL program and continue to strive for excellence in ministry.
2. The pastor with five weeks of continuing education time to attend the CECL sessions over the two and a half years.
3. The pastor freedom to take additional time to prepare for each session.



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4. Selection, in coordination with the pastor, three to ten key church leaders to be trained as a church health leadership team.
5. Support and encouragement for the church leaders to attend two weekend CECL training conferences.
6. Support and encouragement for the pastor's spouse to attend session two.
7. Payment of the program resource fee: \$260/DBL or \$390/SGL per session for the pastor for each of the five sessions (\$1,300/DBL total); \$180 per spouse to come for the Tim Gardner marriage portion of session two, and \$180/lay leader/session for the weekend part of sessions three and session four.
8. Reimbursement to the pastor, the pastor's family and key church leaders for travel to Green Lake Conference Center, and for the pastor to purchase the ten required reading books.

The Pastor covenants to:

1. Prepare in advance for each session including all assigned preparatory activities.
2. Cooperate in the evaluation process and complete evaluation tools.
3. Participate in the peer team group learning community.
4. Participate in periodic meetings with the church leadership team.
5. Take regular personal devotional time, observe the Sabbath commandment and pray for the spiritual health and vitality of the congregation.
6. Develop a strategic plan and vision for the congregation.
7. Participate actively in the individual coaching sessions.

The Church Leaders covenant to:

1. Prepare in advance for each session including all assigned preparatory activities.
2. Cooperate in the evaluation process and complete evaluation tools.
3. Participate in the small group learning community.
4. Take regular personal devotional time and pray for the spiritual health and vitality of the congregation.
5. Develop a strategic plan and vision for the congregation.

Both parties covenant to be in prayer that God will bless each and every session and each and every participant. Our hope and prayer is that each participating congregation will experience excellence in ministry and that the community where they serve will be reached for Christ.

Ben Mott, CECL Director

Pastor

Date

Authorized Church Representative