



# Clergy Communities of Practice

*Focus on the praxis of ministry,  
learn from colleagues, be fed spiritually and physically*

The challenge for clergy is often how to find ways to be continually renewed in your own faith and practices. The Clergy Communities of Practice (CCOP) are **groups for those seeking a healthy (or healthier) ministry**. While CCOP is unique in some ways, they also have some common purposes:

- Offer support and accountability
- Nurture practices of spiritual discipline
- Develop “the craft” of ministry and strengthen practices of pastoral leadership
- Engage in theological reflection on pastoral identity and congregational ministry
- Foster a sense of ministry as a shared endeavor
- Prepare for a church whose future we cannot yet see or imagine
- Develop and hone good habits and practices of ministry

Each CCOP is **facilitated by a clergy colleague** who receives specialized training for their role and is charged with keeping the group’s calendar, lifting up the mutually created covenant, providing hospitality and leading worship for the group, as well as facilitating the conversations. These groups **covenant to meet monthly, for a year at a time**.

To let us know you are interested, please complete the information below and email (nfoust@pccucc.org) or snail mail to: Rev. Nora Foust – Penn Central Conference – 900 S Arlington Avenue – Room 227A – Harrisburg, PA 17109.

We are currently in open enrollment through July 31, 2019. New groups will form and begin meeting in the Fall.

**We look forward to connecting you with a CCOP!**

**Yes! I would like to join a Clergy Community of Practice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church/Ministry Setting that you serve and location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check any factors you would like us to take into account:**

**Geography:**

I would travel 30 miles or less     I would travel 30-60 miles     Distance not a factor

**I would prefer to meet with clergy that are also:**

Bi-vocational                                       Interim ministers                                       Chaplains

ONA     ECOT     Retired

Other? (Please explain): \_\_\_\_\_