

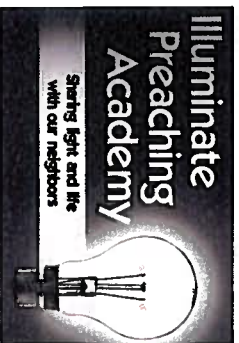
Funding

Each Ministry Setting that is a local church or charge of churches should designate funds available to appointed clergy for Continuing Education.

Annual Conference support is available through the Board of Ordained Ministry. Continuing Education Grants will be offered as long as funds are available.

For more information:

[http://www.unyumc.org/images/uploads/UNY Continuing Ed Application 9-2012.pdf](http://www.unyumc.org/images/uploads/UNY Continuing_Ed_Application_9-2012.pdf)



The Upper New York Conference

Continuing Education Requirements

Our call as pastors includes a commitment to life-long learning. As members of a covenantal community that seeks to be faithful to this understanding, The Board of Ordained Ministry in the Upper New York Conference, in cooperation with the Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors, the Order of Deacons, and the Order of Elders, has changed the understanding of Continuing Education to the following:

All clergy under appointment or assignment are required to complete 2 CEUs (20 contact hours) per year or accumulative 8 CEUs (80 contacts hours) per quadrennium and will provide documentation to the DS, unless enrolled and attending Course of Study or Seminary Degree Program.

The change is to require pastors to be about this important work as lifetime learners, growing in areas that increase leadership capacity.

The Board of Ordained Ministry is setting up a page on the Conference Website that will suggest possible continuing education experiences.

Competencies

The Board suggests that pastors look at their own ministry settings and their experience, using the following Leadership

Competencies:

Technical Competencies

- *Spiritual Life of the Leader*
- *Methodist/Wesleyan Ethos*
- *Vision and Alignment*
- *Ministry Plan*
- *Faith Sharing/Evangelism*
- *Intentional Discipleship*
- *From Inward to Outward*
- *Passionate, Relevant Worship*

Adaptive Competencies

- *Learning Agility*
- *Self-Awareness*
- *Comfort with Ambiguity.*
- *Strategic Thinking*
- *Complex Problem-Solving*
- *Lead Change*
- *Collaboration*
- *Systems thinking*

Continuing Education Experiences

We want to encourage you to explore some of the offerings that may meet these competencies. Some can be found on the Vital Congregations page of the Upper New York Website:

<http://www.unyumc.org/ministries/vital-congregations>

Possible experiences include:

- *Bishop's Retreat*
- *Hand to Plow (for clergy and congregations)*
- *Illuminate Preaching Academy*
- *Leadership Academy*
- *Tending the Fire*
- *Tending the Soul*
- *EQ-HR Emotional Intelligence Training*

Additional Experiences can be found in Interpreter Magazine and Circuit Rider Magazine.