

Clergy Revitalization Grant Application

All RCA Ministers of Word and Sacrament and RCA Commissioned Pastors who are currently installed in a congregation or chaplaincy position are invited to apply. The revitalization plan must be approved by the Consistory or Employer before submitting this application. Specialized Ministers who fall outside of these parameters may apply, but applications will be reviewed at the discretion of the committee.

Applications will only be considered for ministers and churches with a long-term commitment to the Reformed Church in America. *Ministers who have received a Clergy Revitalization Grant in 2021, 2022, and 2023 are not eligible to apply.*

1. Email *

2. Your Name

3. Clergy Revitalization Grants are intended to serve pastors who are in significant need of a revitalizing break from ministry, and might not be able to do so without the support of this grant. Clergy who already have a planned sabbatical, or who are taking a leave for an academic pursuit are less likely to receive a grant. Before proceeding, please consider if your situation fits within this framework.

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes, my proposal fits this framework.
- ☐ No, my proposal does not fit within this framework.
- ☐ Other: _____

Church/Employer and Revitalization Plan

Please take your time, be thorough, and descriptive with the budget and essay. Applications with vague or one sentence responses will not be considered. Tips: Revitalization plans closely tied to academic pursuits are less likely to be awarded. Please be sure how to articulate how this leave will revitalize your ministry, beyond the benefits of a standard vacation.

4. Name of Your Church (or employer for Chaplains)

5. Church or Employer Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

6. Current Status

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☐ RCA Minister of Word and Sacrament

☐ RCA Commissioned Pastor

7. Have you read the grant program criteria and agree to them? <https://www.rca.org/benefits/clergy-revitalization-grants/>
Spanish: <https://www.rca.org/es/beneficios/becas-de-revitalizacion-del-clero/>

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☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Describe your plan during your 2-3 weeks of leave, including at least one of the following: an organized retreat you'll be attending, a retreat facilitator you'll be bringing in, a spiritual director you'll be meeting with, or a therapist you'll be meeting with.

9. Budget: Provide a summary budget detailing your estimated costs. **The budget may only include costs associated with travel, professional services, retreat fees, lodging, books, food, and childcare during the leave.** Proposals up to \$3,000 will be considered.

Example (*these are only examples, please customize the budget lines to match your proposed leave*):

Flights: \$500

Food: \$300

Therapist: \$500

Etc. _____

Total: \$\$

10. Date that your Consistory or Employer Approved this Plan. (Please copy and paste the resolution from the Consistory minutes for applicants installed in a congregation.)

11. Brief Essay: In 300-500 words, tell us why you are in need of this grant. We encourage you to be authentic, real, and we encourage you to share about your gifts and call to ministry.

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