



Pledge of Congregation Support

Our congregation hereby enrolls in the DOXOLOGY program. We affirm that we want our pastor, Rev. _____, to register for this important post-graduate continuing study and renewal opportunity.

We understand that DOXOLOGY shepherds and renews pastors, providing them with advanced skills to provide life-giving spiritual care and Christian counsel for people entrusted to their care. We further understand that DOXOLOGY impacts the life and mission of churches by training lay leaders to better grasp their essential role in supporting the pastoral office and encouraging mutual conversation and counsel throughout the congregation.

With thanksgiving to our Lord for calling this pastor into our midst and deep appreciation for his ministry of Christ’s Word and Sacrament among us, and eagerly anticipating blessings for our congregation through participation in this program, we hereby pledge the following:

YES! Our church will grant the required release days needed for our pastor to attend all three DOXOLOGY scheduled events. These release days will be regarded as paid continuing education days; they will not be counted as vacation days. (Ten days of study are required over the three events.)

YES! Our congregation will send at least one lay leader to accompany our pastor to the second DOXOLOGY event to increase our knowledge and support of the pastoral care of souls and to enhance our congregation’s grasp of Christ’s vision for the life and mission of His church. We understand that although one person’s expenses are included in the initial registration fee, we may send additional laity at cost.

YES! We will provide the financial support required for our congregation’s enrollment. Due to a very generous grant by LCMS World Relief and Human Care, every enrolling congregation receives a grant of \$2000, lowering the cost of the 2012 program to \$1400. (Includes all tuition, instructional materials, food and lodging costs for all events: pastor for first event; pastor and one lay leader for second event; pastor and his wife for the final event.)

YES! Our church takes seriously the charge Christ has given to pastors to tend the sheep and lambs for whom He died. We are eager to provide our prayerful support and personal encouragement as our pastor enters this important experience designed to strengthen and equip him with advanced competencies and skills for spiritual care.

The signature below pledges our congregation’s joyful commitment to this agreement:

_____ Congregation Representative

_____ Representative’s Title or Office

_____ Date

Print out two copies of this Form, sign both, and give them to your pastor. Mail one to:
DOXOLOGY Registration Pledge
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Brookfield, WI 53045-2637