

Healthy Practices for Ministry For Authorized Ministers

Healthy Practices for Ministry offer opportunities for professional and ministerial development as well as spiritual nurture to Authorized Ministers mindful of the Ministerial Code of Ethics which guides our relationships within the church, the communities in which we serve and the families who partner with us, support and sustain us.

Authorized ministers in active ministry whose standing is held in Living Water Association are required to complete A Healthy Practice for Ministry event every other year in order to maintain good standing. Authorized ministers who participate in a Community of Practice are NOT exempt. Authorized Ministers who do not comply may NOT serve in elected leadership positions of the Association. Authorized Ministers in our sibling Associations in the Heartland Conference UCC are welcome anytime. Retired ministers who no longer engage in active ministry will be exempt. Active ministry includes pulpit supply, any kind of interim leadership, officiating at wedding ceremonies, memorial services, and conducting baptisms and hosting the Lord's Table.

Authorized Ministers who hold ministerial standing in other denominations are welcome to join us. However, they need to confirm with their own denominational judicatories in order to determine if a specific offering would fulfill the requirements of your judicatory.

The purpose of the Healthy Practices for Ministry as stated in the Manual on Ministry is "to provide support for the authorized minister, to encourage ministers' personal and vocational development, and to provide an occasion for reflection and feedback on the practice of ministry."

THE DATES FOR 2021 HPFM EVENTS ARE:

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 | 9 AM – 1 PM Theme: Leader:

WEDENSDAY MAY 5 | 9 AM – 1 PM

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AGENDA OF THE DAY:

9 am Gathering ritual
9:10 Update on Boundaries
9:30 Session 1
10:30 Break
10:40 Session 2
11:40 Break
11:50 Session 3
12:50 Closing ritual
1:00 End

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 9 AM – 1 PM

Theme: Leader:

We will announce themes and leaders of events as soon as they are finalized.