

## Sponsoring and Hosting The Clergy Committee Training Sessions

### Background

The mission of The Clergy Committee is to equip facilitators to organize and run groups of religious professionals who meet regularly for a disciplined experience of spiritual, intellectual and professional development.

In order to carry out that Mission, TCC needs the help of individuals and organizations who will sponsor and host these training events which run for sixteen hours that can be configured in whatever way works best for the sponsor.

If you and / or your organization would like to see these support groups get established for clergy in your area there are ways you can help.

### Specifics

A local sponsor or host will do the following:

1. Find a place large enough to handle eight to twelve people, with “breakout” space. (A large parlor or church fellowship hall will do)
2. The space should not be too far from public accommodations since the two TCC Board members who will conduct the training will need a place to stay. There may also be individuals coming for the training who need accommodations.
3. Find a restaurant that delivers and obtain menus from which we can order lunch on the middle day. All other meals will be taken away from the training site.
4. Arrange for drinks and snacks for all three days.
5. Obtain two large flip charts or easel pads on sturdy easels.
6. (Most importantly) Identify prospective participants and / or other sponsors and recruit them to attend the training **or, at least, visit the TCC website**. Also, send their names, addresses and phone numbers to Mike Murray (512) 288-7945 or [mtfm@aol.com](mailto:mtfm@aol.com) who will be in touch with them to enlist them in the training and answer any questions they might have.

Participants could be: retired pastors; professional pastoral counselors; judicatory staff with responsibility for pastoral care of pastors; persons responsible for continuing education for pastors; seminary professors in the

field of practical theology or pastoral care; pastors designated to fill this role by their denomination; church consultant;, etc.

Sponsors could be: Denominational headquarters; local pastors associations or groups; seminary continuing education departments; etc.

### **Explore Further**

If you would like to explore further the possibility of sponsoring and hosting such an event, please contact Mike Murray at (512) 288-7945 or at [mtfm@aol.com](mailto:mtfm@aol.com). Thanks for your interest!