

Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth

The local church shall budget sufficient funds to meet the pastoral continuing education expectation of the Pastor (Staff)-Parish Relations Committee as outlined in *The 2016 Book of Discipline* in ¶258.2g(8). This amount shall be no less than \$800 annually.

The 2016 Book of Discipline ¶350 deals with continuing education and spiritual growth. The Commission would like to emphasize that this paragraph in the *Book of Discipline* states that each clergy's continuing education and spiritual growth program should include at least one week each year and at least one month during one year of every quadrennium. Additionally, such leaves shall not be considered as part of the minister's vacations. For more information on this subject please refer to *The 2016 Book of Discipline* ¶350, page 293.