**INTENT TO APPLY**

In order to assist potential applicants in forming peer groups that meet Thriving In Ministry program criteria, all applicants must submit a completed Intent To Apply form to program director, Rev. Sally Bevill at sally.bevill@millsaps.edu to receive the full program application.

**Intent to Apply forms are due by September 15th 2022. Earlier submission is strongly encouraged.**

**Full program applications are due by October 15,2023.**

**Remember, each peer groups must:**

* Consist of 4 to 6 total participants
* Include 3 to 5 clergywomen who are:

(a) serving within the first 3 years in their first role as a solo pastor, and/or

(b) serving within the first 3 years in their first role as a senior pastor, and/or

(c) serving as an associate pastor working toward their first role as a solo or senior pastor.

*\*Note that those with any previous experience serving as a solo or senior pastor do not fit criteria (a) and (b), even if they are currently serving as an associate.*

* Include 1 mentor clergywoman with more than 7 years’ experience serving effectively as a solo and/or senior pastor.
* Consist of clergywomen actively serving within a congregation in the southern United States.
* Include ecumenical diversity (representing at least 2 different denominations, though greater ecumenical diversity is highly encouraged).
* Prioritize diversity among participants when forming a group.

**Each applicant is willing and able to honor the following commitments throughout the upcoming cohort period (January 2023-April 2024). Participants will receive funds and supplies to support all required activities:**

* Meeting at least 4 hours monthly with peer group
	+ Peer group meetings are scheduled by participants and may occur digitally or in-person
* Attendance for the entirety of both large group retreats: (dates may vary by 1-2 days)
	+ Monday, April 17 - Friday 21, 2023
	+ Tuesday, February 27 – March 7, 2024
* Attendance for the entirety of a third retreat or conference selected by individual peer group
* Participation by congregational leaders in 5 hours of congregational training led by the Thriving In Ministry program director
* Participation in a restorative niche (an activity one does simply for the joy of it, unrelated to work responsibilities, in which one can build mastery over time) of their choice or time away with significant others
* Ongoing work with a spiritual director/coach following the completion of the cohort

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| NAME  | DENOMINATION | EMAIL | PEER GROUP MENTOR? **Note: Only ONE experienced mentor may participate per peer group.** |
| 1. |  |  | * Yes
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| 2. |  |  | * Yes
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| 3. |  |  | * Yes
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| 4. |  |  | * Yes
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| 5. |  |  | * Yes
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| 6. |  |  | * Yes
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| Please list peer group members currently serving in their **first** role as a solo pastor in a congregation: | Please list members currently serving as **associate pastors** **preparing** to serve in their **first** role as a church’s solo or senior pastor: | Please list peer group members currently serving in their **first** role as a senior pastor in a congregation: |
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*By signing below, we certify that we have read all grant requirements and believe our peer group to satisfy eligibility criteria. We further certify that we are all willing and able to participate fully in grant activities as outlined above.*

Applicants’ Signatures

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