



# Clergy Communities of Practice

*Focus on the praxis of ministry,  
learn from colleagues,  
be fed spiritually and physically*

**Groups forming now for the fall!**

The challenge for clergy is often how to find ways to be continually renewed in your own faith and practices. The Clergy Communities of Practice (CCOP) are groups for those who have been serving in a local church or chaplaincy setting for more than three years. While each CCOP is unique in some ways, they also have some common intentions:

- \* Share information, insight and advice around case studies or situations in your own setting
- \* Ponder common issues, explore ideas and act as sounding boards to colleagues
- \* Feel a bond in learning and spiritual support together
- \* Create environments for intentional learning where each perspective can be heard
- \* Develop a common body of knowledge, practices, and approaches
- \* Develop personal relationships with colleagues
- \* Provide spiritual discernment and prayerful support to one another

Each CCOP is facilitated by a clergy colleague who receives specialized training and financial support in their role and is charged with keeping the group’s calendar, lifting up the mutually created covenant, providing hospitality, and providing worship for the group, as well as facilitating the conversations. There is a participation fee for joining a group, currently that fee is \$250 per program year and is invoiced in August. Scholarship money is available to help with this cost.

To let us know you’re interested just complete the information below and email or snail mail to: Kris LoFrumento, Administrator of the Pastoral Excellence Program, MACUCC One Badger Road Framingham, MA 01702 or [lofrumentok@macucc.org](mailto:lofrumentok@macucc.org). We look forward to connecting you with a CCOP!

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YES! I would like to join a Clergy Community of Practice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church or setting in which you serve and location: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any factors which you would like us to take into account.

Geography

I would travel 30 miles or less     I would travel 30-60 miles     Distance is not a mitigating factor

I would prefer to meet with clergy who are also...

Interim Ministers     Serving a multi-staff church

Other? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_