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— CPE Student

Distance Learning Collaborative
CPE is offered to pastors from both CRC and RCA churches in communities throughout the continent. A group of six pastors will learn and work together in congregational ministries.

Pine Rest will provide CPE seminars, group sharing, and personal supervision through distance learning technology via a digital platform developed for the project.

For additional information or to receive an application, please go to:
www.pinerest.org/cpedlc

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Clinical Pastoral Education Collaborative
Building Collaboration Between The CRC And The RCA

“Thank you for this learning opportunity gift. It was an answer to a prayer.”
— CPE Student
The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program is designed to train participants in pastoral care ministry through:

- Active engagement in ministry
- Reflection on ministry experience
- Assimilation of learning into ongoing ministry

Opportunities for clinical reflections occur in:

- Group settings
- Individual supervision
- Seminars with professionals from other disciplines

CRC and RCA Collaboration

Pine Rest CPE program serves as an excellent forum for Christian Reformed Church (CRC) and Reformed Church in America (RCA) seminary students, ministerial candidates, and congregational pastors to learn together, work together, and support each other in ministry. Pine Rest, the CRC, the RCA, their seminaries, and their directors of ministerial candidacy are collaborating to achieve the following outcomes:

- Improve the lives of parishioners in CRC/RCA churches through improved pastoral leadership and pastoral care skills of clergy.
- Develop bonds of friendship and collegiality between RCA/CRC clergy that can lead to improved denominational collaboration.
- Reduce clergy turnover through improved self-awareness and self-care.

Prerequisites

One year in an accredited seminary, or other accredited college or university theological program, or equivalent experience in a ministry setting, a completed application, and an admission interview.

“I want to express my gratitude for the way CPE has helped shape and clarify my pastoral identity.”
— CPE Student

Fees

Participants who are not able to pay the full cost of tuition are encouraged to seek financial assistance from their congregation, denomination, seminary and others. Need based scholarships are available from Pine Rest.

Application fee: $50
A fee of $50 is submitted with application. The fee will be applied to tuition upon acceptance into the program.

Tuition: $600
The tuition cost for each CPE unit is $600.

“CPE student has had an indelible effect on my ministry. It has taught me to be an empathetic listener.”
— CPE Student