

Continuing Education, Formation, and Spiritual Growth Report

Pastor: _____ Church/Charge: _____

District: _____ Period Covered by this Report: _____ to _____

¶351 of the 2004 Book of Discipline reads: *Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth*

1. "Throughout their careers, clergy shall engage in continuing education for ministry, professional development, and spiritual formation and growth in order to lead the church in fulfilling the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ. This shall include carefully developed personal programs of study augmented periodically by involvement in organized educational and spiritual growth activities."

5. "Clergy shall be asked by the district superintendent in the charge conference to report on their programs of continuing education, formation, and spiritual growth for the past year and plans for the year to come. The district superintendent shall also ask the local church to describe its provision for time and financial support of continuing education for ministry, professional development, formation and spiritual growth for pastors, diaconal ministers and deacons serving their primary appointment in the local church."

Each clergy member's continuing formation and spiritual growth program should include **40 contact hours of study or 4 CEU's** (Continuing Education Units)

I. For Response by the Pastor

A. List the continuing education events in which you have participated, in the past twelve months. Include the number of Continuing Education Units (CEU's) awarded for the program, or enter the number of "contact hours" involved, if no CEU credit was given. (Please use an additional sheet to record more than seven Continuing Education events). Identify the core theme of your continuing education, formation or spiritual growth event, course or program. Core themes include: Preaching, Bible, Evangelism and Church Growth, Worship, Counseling, Leadership for the 21st Century, Pastor as Person (Caring for Self), Theology, Leadership Development, Small Membership Church Ministry, Pastoral Calling and Visitation, Administration, Ethical Issues, Church and World, Relational Skills, Conflict, Stewardship, Ministry with Age-Level Persons, and Connectional Related Topics.

1. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hours:
Core Theme(s):
2. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hours:
Core Theme(s):
3. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hours:
Core Theme(s):
4. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hours:
Core Theme(s):

(more on the other side)

- 5. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hour
Core Theme(s):
- 6. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hour
Core Theme(s):
- 7. Title of Event:
Sponsoring Organization:
Date of Event:
CEU credits earned or number of contact hours:
Core Theme(s):

B. Briefly outline your continuing education plans for the coming year.

II. For Response by the Local Church (PPRC or SPC responds here):

A. Has time and financial support *for* continuing education for the Pastor been provided this past year? Please describe briefly.

B. What plans have been made for assisting the Pastor to carry out a program of continuing education for the next twelve months?

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Following the review, the District Superintendent will forward this form to the Continuing Education Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry for recording the information, and for placement in the Pastor's continuing education file. Fulfilling continuing education requirements is a fundamental part of accountability and a primary basis of continued eligibility for annual appointment (§334).

**Attention PPRC and SPC:** This tool is to be used in conjunction with your annual ministry evaluation.

**Signature PPRC or SPC Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_