

How Do I Request a Coach?

The Wisconsin Conference's coaching program is one component of our multi-layered strategy for providing pastors in Wisconsin multiple opportunities to engage with their peers and colleagues in the practice of ministry. We are convinced that in this time of rapid change, and transformation none of us can make it alone in ministry. We need one another to share resources and ideas, to provide support and accountability and to maintain a sense of hope and possibility about the future. These are challenging times to be a pastor and we want to make sure that every pastor is supported as they pursue excellence in ministry.

Coaching joins Communities of Practice, District Meetings, Clergy Retreats and Mentoring as another way for the Wisconsin Conference to support and encourage its pastors.

The first step in requesting a coach is to complete the **Coaching Interest Form** (link) and return it to Tisha Brown (tbrown@wcucc.org or 4459 Gray Rd., DeForest, WI 53532)

When Tisha receives your form, she will review it and contact you to discuss it and determine suitability for coaching at this time. Coach/Pastor matches are made based on the topics a pastor is requesting to work on and the interests and availability of a suitable coach at the time the request is received. Our coaches are not equipped to provide coaching in highly conflictual situations. If you are experiencing conflict, we suggest reaching out to the conference conflict transformation team. Ask your Associate Conference Ministry how to contact this team.

The Wisconsin Conference Catalyst Team is covering the majority of the expenses related to this program, but we do ask that Congregations pay a modest fee of \$100 for the first 6 months of coaching. We also ask that your congregation pays for any other expenses that the coach may incur, such as mileage or meals when meeting with the person they are coaching. We expect these to be minimal since coaching will primarily take place online or by phone.

After the first 6 month coaching period the fee will increase to \$200. Any amount of coaching after the initial year will cost \$300 for 6 months.

Here are some testimonials from some of the people who have been coached so far:

"The coaching framework is really helping me get the structure for the project I am working on and to actually get things done. This is a project I've had in mind for a couple of years but haven't ever found the time to do. With the help of my coach, I'm moving forward."

"Working with my coach lets me know I'm not alone in my struggles in ministry. I appreciate having someone to support me as I navigate the ups and downs."

"With the help of my coach, I am moving forward in a clearer direction than I was before. My coach asks focused questions that help me identify concrete actions."

If you have any additional questions or comments feel free to contact Tisha (tbrown@wcucc.org).