



The Church of the Brethren Office of Ministry invites pastors serving in multivocational congregational roles to participate in its “Part-Time Pastor; Full-Time Church” program.

Who can participate in this program?

- Any Church of the Brethren pastor working in a congregation in a position that is either less-than full-time or less-than fully-compensated is eligible. This designation includes nearly 75% of all CoB pastors, so if you're wondering if you qualify, the answer is very likely YES.
- Pastors might join the program to access a specific kind of ministry resource (like expert advice on clergy taxes, church growth, grief counseling, or time management). They might join because they would appreciate some companionship in the often lonely work of congregational ministry. They might simply desire to be connected with other pastors who are navigating similar challenges.

How does the program work?

- When you join the program, you'll receive one-on-one encouragement and consultation with a traveling “Circuit Rider” who will schedule a visit and come to you. As you and the Circuit Rider talk about your congregation and your ministry, together you'll identify questions, challenges and places where some extra support could be helpful. The Circuit Rider will work to connect you with other pastors, educational resources, and experts who can offer guidance, companionship and encouragement. We'll also connect you with other multivocational pastors across the country.

Yeah, but what kind of “resources” are you talking about?

- We want to be responsive to your particular needs and are committed to connecting you with the kinds of support that you need. That could be connecting you with a clergy tax accountant, offering a webinar about best practices for time management when you have more than one job, sharing seminars with trained counselors who can offer insight into pastoral work around grief, addiction, divorce, etc., inviting your congregation's leadership to connect with other congregations who have wisdom around part-time pastors, or spending time one-on-one with someone experienced in church growth and transition.

Okay, and how much does all this cost?

- The program is funded by a very generous grant, and is free of charge. We know that multivocational pastors are stretched for both money and time, so the program will be accessible to you where you are – we don't expect you to travel or take vacation time in order to participate.

All right. I'm in. How do I apply?

- In February 2020, you can find the application online at [www.brethren.org/part-time-pastor](http://www.brethren.org/part-time-pastor) . Contact Dana Cassell, Program Manager, with questions: [dcassell@brethren.org](mailto:dcassell@brethren.org) 847-429-4330