

## When

Monday October 15, 2012 at 3:00 PM -to-  
Thursday October 18, 2012 at 12:00 PM

## Where

Epworth by the Sea Conference Center  
100 Arthur J. Moore Drive  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
[www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org)

## How can I get there?

St. Simons Island is approximately one hour from Savannah, GA and Jacksonville, FL airports, 12 miles from I-95, and 13 miles from Brunswick Golden Isles Airport.

## How do I register?

Register online at [pastoralcarenetwork.org](http://pastoralcarenetwork.org)

## Can I pay by check?

Yes, register online and follow instructions for where to send your check, or use Paypal.

## What if I don't have internet access?

Contact Rev. Dan Corll to request a registration form, Ph. 724-935-3316 (church); or check with your Presbytery Office.

**[www.PastoralCareNetwork.org](http://www.PastoralCareNetwork.org)**

## What is PPCN?

Presbytery Pastoral Care Network seeks to provide professional development, support, and resources for those caring for ministers throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## Who should attend?

The PPCN annual conferences are designed to share resources about the essential best ministry practices at the presbytery level that promote clergy wellness in a pro-active way. Clergy, Presbytery or Synod leaders and staff, COM, CPM, and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

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### Conference Workshop topics will include:

Board of Pensions updates • Clergy Peer Groups • Cultivating Courageous Congregations • Presbytery Pastoral Care Teams • The Role of Spiritual Direction in Fostering Resilience in Individuals and Groups • *and more!*

### Still have questions?

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## Presbytery Pastoral Care Network

### 13th Annual National Gathering

*Staying Afloat on Stormy Seas:  
Caring for Clergy in Trying Times*

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# **J**oin your colleagues in ministry for this outstanding conference on caring for clergy.

Step away from a hectic life for a few days. Learn about "compassion fatigue" among clergy, how to prevent it and what to do when it happens. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of a 100-acre Christian retreat center located on the historic Frederica River.

## **Compassion Fatigue Prevention and Resiliency for Clergy and Caregivers**

Many forms of ministry today place clergy in the stressful environment of constant caregiving which can lead to "compassion fatigue." Symptoms show up in many areas of church life: clergy misconduct, poor church management decisions, or the stressors inherent in COM responsibilities or the discontent within presbytery or denominational life. To address issues of compassion fatigue presbytery leaders must learn pro-active steps in order to help ministers in their care to remain spiritually, mentally, and physically healthy. This conference will bring together the resources of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Response Team to address the small crises of church life as well as the large crises that lead to compassion fatigue among clergy.

The PDA leadership team will cover: *5 critical elements of pastoral resiliency* • *Why self-care isn't enough - the secrets of compassion resiliency* • *How to transform pastors and COM members' lives from the stress of reactivity to the calm effectiveness of intentionality* • *Skills to sustain longevity as a pastoral/professional caregiver* • *Integration of science and faith-filled practices* • *Powerful tools that can be integrated into pastoral care and worship* • *Ways to burn brightly and never burn out.* "That which is to give light, must endure burning." - Viktor Frankl

About the PDA leadership team: the Revs. Laurie Kraus, Jim Kirk, and Bruce Wismer, all pastors of Presbyterian Churches in Florida, have extensive experience in working with pastors and churches in crises situations. The Director of PDA, John Robinson, will also join the conference to provide a different perspective on the mission of PDA and how it can complement the work of PPCN.

### **Conference Schedule**

**Monday, October 15:** 3 PM - 6 PM Registration · Dinner · Welcome · Opening Session · Evening Vespers

**Tuesday, October 16:** 7:30 AM Breakfast · Worship · Morning Plenary · Catered Lunch · Afternoon Plenary · Catered Dinner · 8PM Sharing of Resources · 9PM Worship

**Wednesday, October 17:** 7:30 AM Breakfast · Worship · Morning Plenary · Annual Membership Meeting · Catered Lunch · Afternoon Workshops · Catered Dinner · Evening open with optional activities\*

**Thursday, October 18:** 7:30 AM Breakfast · Worship · Workshops · Closing · Catered Lunch

Conference ends after lunch! Safe travels!

*\*Information on how to book tours of the area for optional activities will be posted on [www.PastoralCareNetwork.org](http://www.PastoralCareNetwork.org).*

### **Conference Fees**

\$375 (includes conference + double room + meals)

\$515 (includes conference + single room + meals)

\$300 (spouse rate, includes room + meals)

\$150 (commuter rate, conference only, meal tickets may be ordered ahead of time or purchased on-site)

*Join PPCN and save \$25 off the conference rate!*

Individual Membership - \$45 / yr.

Institutional Membership - \$200 / yr (includes up to 4 discounted conference registrations)

*Bring your family!* The rooms have 2 queen-size beds, so why not bring your family too? They will enjoy the many amenities available at the retreat center while you attend the conference.

\$50 pp ages 3-12 (includes meals)

\$115 pp ages 13-17 (includes meals)

**REGISTER ONLINE: [www.PastoralCareNetwork.org](http://www.PastoralCareNetwork.org)**