

## **FAQ Regarding Residence in Ministry (RIM)**

### **What if I need to travel a significant distance to attend an event?**

We recognize that each event we host in-person will be difficult for all our participants, and some more-so-than others. We know you will incur travel expenses and will reimburse up to \$400 for mileage or airline tickets to attend.

### **What if I need a guest preacher because I have to travel on Sunday or be there on Sunday?**

We know that this is a bit of a burden. However, we ALL need time away from our ministry setting, especially solo pastors. We also recognize that for those of you whose ministry setting is not the local church, you may have to take time off from your job to be present. We appreciate you making the time to do these things for your process. We know it is not easy.

If you are in need of a guest preacher, please work with your SPRC or call your Congregational Resource Minister, newly appointed positions to help do just this. They will have a list of names for you for those in your area who may be retired clergy, lay speakers etc. willing to come and preach. We recognize that for some of you serving in geographically challenging areas it is a trek for someone to come to preach for you. Please know that MEF Funds can be used to pay a stipend should you deem it necessary and/helpful to attract a guest preacher for the morning! (The only District without a CRM is the Utah/Western Slope District - please call the DS office, or me, Lisa Petty, and I'll help your with resources)

### **What if I am a legacy Yellowstone candidate and I was told my process wouldn't change, and we didn't have RIM. What's the deal?**

Regardless of what you may have been told, participation in RIM events, at least to complete your 80 hours of content, is mandatory for ordination. Further explanation of these hours and how to obtain them will be forthcoming, at this event. Please note that currently we have two events per year making up these hours (20 of which are your iRIM projects), so if you are full-time and anticipate being ordained in a two-year time frame, God and committee willing, you'll need to be at EVERY event offered. The RIM committee is in process of changing this for the future, to be more helpful to each of you regarding our geography, but currently your presence is requested.

### **Who can I call with questions:**

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