

## Leadership Encouragement Team Resources for Pastors & Ministry Leaders

1. Pastor Church Resources (PCR) <https://www.crcna.org/pcr>
2. (PCR) **Pastors' Wives' Conferences** happens every other year with the next one taking place in the fall of 2020. The cost is minimal.
3. PCR [pastor peer groups](https://www.crcna.org/spe/pastor-peer-learning-grants) are a great way to encourage and support pastors. Grants are available. Deadlines for proposals are May 1 and Nov 1. We encourage spouses to participate - if possible. The maximum grant is \$3,000. <https://www.crcna.org/spe/pastor-peer-learning-grants>
4. PCR has continuing education grants for pastors. The deadline for applications are Apr 1, Aug 1 and Nov 1. The maximum grant is \$750. You can find the link to the docs at the top right hand side of [this page](#).
5. PCR has a number of [sabbatical opportunities](https://www.crcna.org/spe/pastor-peer-learning-grants) <https://www.crcna.org/spe/pastor-peer-learning-grants>
6. PCR has the [Pastors' Spiritual Vitality Toolkit](#) which you should find most helpful. It's an online resource. It's currently being translated into Korean.
7. Financial Shalom Project: <https://www.crcna.org/ministries/denominational-ministry-programs/financial-shalom-project/about> As a covenant family, the Christian Reformed Church in North America desires for all of our pastors to be kept in good health. This includes emotional, physical, mental, spiritual, and financial health. The Financial Shalom project includes [training, tools, and resources](#) to improve the financial literacy of pastors and congregations. It also includes grants from the **Financial Shalom Fund** to help pastors meet immediate needs.
8. VanZanten Urban Ministry Scholarship for those training for urban ministry (pastoral, teachers, city planners, etc) Typical grants \$1,000 - \$4,000. Must be made out to a school, supervising institution or church for internship. Contact Rev. Roger Nelson. [rognelson@ameritech.net](mailto:rognelson@ameritech.net)
9. Silver Bay YMCA Pastoral Respite Ministry. [www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org) - Lake George, NY <https://thegoodnewsnewyork.com/silver-bay-ymcas-pastoral-respite-ministry-offers-rest-and-renewal-to-those-who-minister-to-others/>
10. Spruce Lake – [www.sprucelake.org](http://www.sprucelake.org) Candensis PA - free retreat lodging for Pastors
11. Urban Wilderness Renewal [www.uwrenewal.org](http://www.uwrenewal.org): John A Algera
  - Spiritual Direction (free for those in ministry)
  - Men's Spiritual Formation Retreats & Pastor's Retreats
  - Eremos Prayer/Retreat Cabin for personal or small group retreats