



THE PRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK

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Dear Pastor,

The Commission on Ministry wants to insure healthy and appropriate boundaries exist between all our pastors and congregations. Training is required every three years for Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, Interim and Temporary Supply Pastors, and all Pastors serving Blackhawk churches, whether as pulpit supply or members of other denominations. Honorably Retired members and Members at Large do not need to complete boundary training unless they are active in the life of a congregation.

The Presbytery of Chicago is offering two boundary training options in 2023 and they have invited Blackhawk pastors to attend at no charge. The focus this year will be “Not Your Average Boundary Training” – with a strategy to help foster emotional resiliency and well-being. The workshops will cover the basics and will also help participants manage their own stress in order to maintain balance and perspective when temptations arise. The program will include a 4-part strategy and a personal prevention plan, all led by LeaderWise.

Both trainings will be via Zoom and will require pre-registration. Registration is now open for both. Attendance at one will suffice, but you must attend the entirety of the 5 hours.

OPTION 1:

Friday, and Saturday, June 2 and 3, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon, on both days (total of 5 hours of training), using the Zoom meeting platform | [Register here](#) (please state Blackhawk, in addition to your church name and city on the registration)

OPTION 2:

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 17 and 18, 2023, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon on both days (total of 5 hours of training) using the Zoom meeting platform | [Register](#) (please state Blackhawk, in addition to your church name and city on the registration)

While your current certification may still be valid for another year (many Blackhawk members completed their training requirement in 2021), anyone who attends one of these trainings will

receive a full 3-year certification upon completion. LeaderWise provides an excellent and worthwhile course, it's free, and a future zoom-only LeaderWise event in 2024 is not assured.

If, for some reason, one of these options does not work for you **and you are in need of training to fulfill our requirement**, please contact me no later than July 1, 2023, so that we can seek alternative options. The deadline to complete this important training is October 31, 2023. Those who have not done so will be listed in a report for the Presbytery assembly in November. In addition, a letter will be sent to the session of the church in which they serve, and a notice will be placed in their permanent file to be communicated in future employment inquiries.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (dmterrioni@gmail.com, 334-354-5904) or:

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Sincerely,

Rev. David Terrinoni

Moderator, Commission on Ministry
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Our records show this date of your last attendance at a Boundary Training: