



Great Plains Conference Clergy Coaching Agreement 2022-2023 appointment year

The Clergy Excellence office believes that coaching can draw on the expertise and internal wisdom of clergy, helping them discern God-sized things that need to happen in their ministry or their lives, develop a plan to get there, and celebrate when it is reached. Coaching begins with the premise that everyone is creative, resourceful and whole.

The coaching program through the Clergy Excellence office provides coaching to you at a low cost. Here are the details for coaching:

1. The cost is **\$150 for 6 hours of coaching**. Typically, each coaching session is one hour. Conference funds underwrite a portion of the cost of your coach.
2. You select who you want as your coach from the list provided on the website (www.greatplainsumc.org/coaching). The coaches are all clergy from the Great Plains conference who have been professionally trained. They understand ministry and the context where you serve.
3. You are responsible for scheduling the first coaching session, **after you have contacted the coach** to confirm they can add another coachee. Coaching is typically done by phone or videoconference.
4. You determine the specific topics to be addressed for each coaching session. Coaching is to help you develop as a leader, and so you set the agenda.
5. You will be asked to provide feedback to the Director of Clergy Excellence once you have completed the fifth session. The purpose of the feedback is to provide examples of how coaching has benefitted clergy and congregations. Comments you share might be used in publicity (with your permission and without your name if requested) but will otherwise not be shared.
6. You are encouraged to share information about coaching with your SPRC and your District Superintendent.
7. You will be given the opportunity to continue coaching beyond these 6 sessions, at additional cost, if you choose to do so.

Does this sound like something that would strengthen your ministry and grow your leadership skills? Call Rev. Delores Williamston, Director of Clergy Excellence (785-414-4213) if you have questions or would like assistance choosing a coach. Register [here](#) to get started.