

Need a refreshment break?

Interested in a sabbatical or a study leave?

Try a Sabbath Leave through Samford University's Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence, tailored to fit your availability and your personal or professional needs.

It's a great way to refresh and refuel for the challenge of ministry.

Go to www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe or
call (205) 726-4064 for more information.



The purpose of the Sabbath Leave Program at Samford University is to provide pastoral leaders with emotional, spiritual, physical and intellectual renewal in an academic environment. In this context, ministers will remember or rethink their ministry priorities, interact with other ministerial leaders from different traditions, and engage students in vocational exploration.

Eligibility: The program is open to ministers, ordained or lay, full-time or bivocational, senior pastors or church staff members, denominational or diocesan staff, and others employed in recognized positions of pastoral leadership.

Funds available: Applicants may apply for funding up to \$10,000 to cover food, lodging, travel, resources including books and periodicals, recreation activities, consultations with experts in a field of study, continued salary, and pulpit supply.

Length of leave: Study leaves as short as two weeks are available. Sabbaticals may last up to four months.

To apply or obtain further information: For applications, contact the Resource Center for Pastoral Excellence office at (205) 726-4064, resource@samford.edu or online at www.samford.edu/groups/rcpe/sabbath_leave.html. An informational video, which details sabbatical/study leave possibilities and is suitable for discussion with family or lay leaders, can also be viewed on the Web site or can be ordered from the office.