

JOURNEY GROUPS: PEER GROUPS FOR SUSTAINING PASTORAL EXCELLENCE
 Model of Journey Groups
 Two Year Cycle
 June 2011-2013

Group Meeting	Date	Participants	Time frame	Location	Learning	Travel	Lodging
Meeting One FORMATION	End of June 2011	Individual groups, Mentor and Assistant	Begin in morning 1st day, spend 2 nights, and depart after lunch on 3rd day (Mentor and assistant arrive evening prior to event)	Retreat Center within driving distance of group (but far enough to get away)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Group Formation 2. SPE Covenant Creation 3. Clarity of Learning Goal 4. Worship and Spiritual Discipline (Sabbath) 	Mentor and Assistant to Location	Group (6-8) for two nights and three nights for mentor/assistant
Meeting Two CULTIVATION	End of September 2011	Groups together, Mentor, and Assistant	Groups arrive in Holland for dinner on the first night and then spend 2 full days together and leave after lunch on 4th day.	Groups together at Western Theological Seminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reconnection/group building 2. Sharing of Learning Goals with other Journey Group Planning for the rest of the Journey Group Process 3. Worship and Sabbath 	Group members will need to travel to Grand Rapids, MI	Groups and mentor/assistant will need 3 nights lodging
In this in between time, a conference call will take place with the Journey Group Facilitator to reconnect and give input to congregational learning process.							
Meeting Three EXPLORATION	Winter or Spring 2012	Individual groups, Mentor, Assistant, and Resource Person	4 days and 3 nights including travel	Place chosen by individual group based on learning goal and resource person to be visited	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reconnection/group building 2. Explore with resource person/place. 3. Process learning after resource person leaves. 4. Look ahead to how learning impacts congregation and the rest of their Journey 5. What will we do with this learning? 	Individual groups, Mentor and Assistant	Individual groups, Mentor and Assistant will all need 3 nights lodging
In this in between time, a conference call will take place with the Journey Group Facilitator to reconnect and give input to congregational learning process.							
Meeting Four TRANSFORMATION	Fall 2012	Individual groups with 3 members of Congregational Journey Group, Mentor, Assistant and Resource Person	<p>~ 3 days and 3 nights for JG members</p> <p>~ 4 days and 3 nights for Mentor and Assistant.</p> <p>~ 2 days and 2 nights for JG Congregational members</p> <p>~ 1 day and 2 nights for resource person</p>	Retreat Center within driving distance of group (but far enough to get away)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. First night is reconnection of group 2. First morning group prepares for congregational members. 3. Afternoon/evening of day one - Interaction and learning of what is occurring among different congregations. 4. Day two - Resource person meets all day with everyone. 5. Day three - Debrief learning in morning and after lunch congregational members leave. 6. Afternoon and evening JG debriefs and departs. 	Mentor and Assistant to Location. Resource person to location	<p>~ 3 nights for JG members.</p> <p>~ 2 nights for Congregational JG and resource person</p> <p>~ 4 nights for mentor and assistant</p>
In this in between time, a conference call will take place with the Journey Group Facilitator to reconnect and give input to congregational learning process.							
Meeting Five CELEBRATION	In May of 2013	Groups together, Mentor, Assistant, WTS faculty	Groups arrives in Holland for dinner on first night, spend 2 full days and leave after lunch on 4th day	Groups together at Western Theological Seminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Celebration of Learning with other Journey Group and WTS to Showcase Learning 2. Review of SPE Covenant 3. Time alone as group to planning for Next Steps for their Congregations and own Continual Learning Journey 4. Leavetaking and closure to the Journey Group experience. 	Group members will need to travel to WTS	Groups will need 3 nights lodging