



North Georgia Clergy,

We care about you. We know it has been a difficult season in ministry. Our churches have been rattled and some torn apart by disaffiliations. Some churches and clergy colleagues have left our connection. Relationships have been broken in our churches, communities, and our conference. Division and conflict have dominated much of our ministry over the last year, and now we prepare for a new day.



We invite you to take time to restore your soul so that you can thrive in your next chapter in ministry. In 2024, the Center for Clergy Excellence, in partnership with Bishop Dease and the Orders of Elders, Deacons, and the Fellowship of Local Pastors, will offer a series of Clergy Rest & Renewal Retreats designed specifically for you. There will be two overnight retreats in March and May at Salem Campground and a one-day retreat at Camp Glisson in September.

The primary purpose of these retreats is to care for you, our dedicated and hard-working clergy, by providing the space, time, and resources for renewal. Another benefit of these retreats will be the building of relationships among our conference clergy in a relaxed setting. At these retreats, you will have an opportunity to spend time in informal conversations with Bishop Dease as she plans to be present for the duration of the retreat.

These Clergy Rest & Renewal Retreats are designed so that you can create the retreat you need. There will be structured and unstructured renewal options available. You can make it an active retreat by participating in all the offerings or you can take it slow and choose one or two activities. You know what you need, and we want you to participate in the retreat as you choose. Registration fees are being subsidized by the Conference to provide an affordable retreat for our hard-working clergy.

Registration is open at www.ngumc.org/clergyR&R. Sign up for one or all three. Overnight accommodations at Salem are limited, so please register early to reserve your spot.

Blessings to you all,

The Center for Clergy Excellence