



## Why Would you Contact a Caring Clergy Colleague?

Would it be helpful to have someone to talk with...

...perhaps someone to help process ministry situations?

...perhaps someone to listen as you vent about challenges you face - and who will ask helpful questions to help you through the situation?

...perhaps someone to share ideas with, who doesn't offer advice, yet asks good questions to help you clarify your ideas?

...perhaps someone to help you deal with a personal issue or situation?

...perhaps someone who can listen so your family, friend, or congregation do not need to listen - so you can be with them in healthier ways?

## Do you have a pastor friend?

Sometimes we need someone who will serve as a friendly "listening ear"...someone who is able to keep confidences and who is outside the United Methodist appointive process.

Some of our retired clergy have committed themselves to serving in this capacity as "Caring Clergy Colleagues." They are available to you if you wish to contact them. Their services are free.

They do not report to District Superintendents or the Bishop and are not in the "pool" for other appointments. They also do not offer themselves as expert advice givers. Instead, they may provide clarifying questions, a sounding board, and an opportunity for active colleagues to have someone safe to talk to.

Caring Clergy Colleagues are not therapists, or life coaches, or experts on how you should live your life or lead your congregation. They are volunteers from among our retired clergy who care about the well being of their active colleagues and who realize the challenge of having confidants, trustworthy and understanding friends, when you're serving as a pastor to a congregation.

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are affiliated with the  
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# CARING CLERGY COLLEAGUES

(Formerly Known As Elder Pastors)

**...Providing  
Caring,  
Confidential  
Conversation**



**FOR YOU  
in your ministry!**

# What is a Caring Clergy Colleague?

- **Supportive**

(a friendly sounding board, a listening ear)

- **Confidential**

(does not report to a District Superintendent or the Bishop)

- **Experienced**

(has experience in the ups and downs of ministry)

- **Retired**

(not in the "pool" for appointments)

- **Friendly**

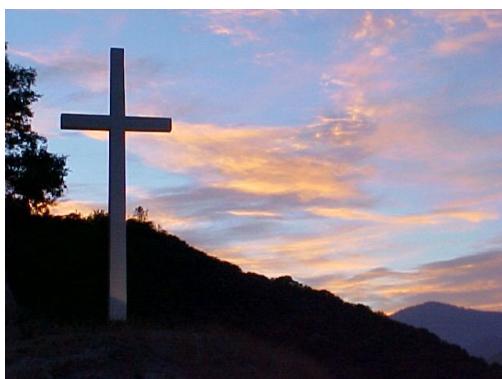
(cares about your well being)

- **Available**

(willing to give you time)

- **Trustworthy**

(committed to keeping confidences)



If there is someone you would recommend to be added to this Caring Clergy Colleague list, please convey your suggestions to the current chairperson of the Orders Executive Committee.



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