

ABOUT THE “PARTNERS IN FAMILY MINISTRY” PROGRAM The Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center

At Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center, we see our service as a resource for the local congregations in our area. Our Christian identity combines with our skills and our credentials as professional counselors in order to serve our community on behalf of our Lord. We respect the teaching role of the various faith groups of our clients, and we provide specialized counseling resources that most congregations are not in a position to offer.

We have a commitment to caring for all who can benefit, regardless of ethnicity, race, or religious beliefs. We serve those with limited financial resources, to the degree that we are able. We can do this only because the believers in our community support us as an extension of their own service to our Lord.

Our partner parishes inform the members of our ministry, whether in person or through websites, newsletters, or bulletins. We're eager to come and speak to those at worship, to educational classes, and leadership groups.

Partnership involves setting up a member assistance program. This is how it works.

1. Congregations make a contribution to the Center.
2. Two-thirds of that contribution is designated for a Pastor's Fund.
3. Pastors inform the Center that they want their Pastor's Fund to help particular people whom they are sending.
4. Then the Pastor's Fund covers insurance co-pays, deductibles, or even the full fee for up to three sessions for crisis response and assessment.
5. Whenever these clients have insurance, we ask them to use it, so that we can be the best stewards of the Pastor's Fund.
6. Currently, we charge up to \$65 of the \$90 standard fee to the pastor's fund and cover the balance from other contributions.
7. Any remainder in the pastor's fund at the end of the calendar year is helps to pay for services to those who do not have the benefit of a congregation supporting their counseling.

In any calendar year, the total number of sessions available to a partner church depends upon how much they've put in to their pastor's fund account.

To become a partner church, the governing body approves a financial contribution to our center and sends us a letter of partnership. Depending on a congregation's size and available resources, the level of contribution varies from at least three hundred dollars to up to four thousand dollars. It's up to partner churches to decide what level of support is right for them.

We are a rare type of center. Our faith inspires our motivation to serve, whether those we serve share our faith or not. Our education, training, and experience have developed our ability to serve people with a wide range of problems in living. Our community provides the opportunity to serve, because the need is so great.

Would you like your congregation to become a Partner Parish? The first step is for your pastor to give us a call.

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