

Mid-America Region Announces Major Leadership Initiative Rebates

A Dozen Incentives from Rickman Legacy Fund Will Nurture Clergy and Church Leader Development.

Happy New Year! Thanks to the enduring legacy and stewardship of the Mid-America Rickman Legacy Fund, we are pleased to announce financial rebates to clergy and church leaders to cover registration fees and purchase prices to selected regional Leadership Development events and opportunities. Clergy and leaders are asked to register as promoted and then fill out and return the rebate form which is due by October 31, 2019. Rebate amounts depend on the number of rebates requested divided proportionally by available dividend funds. Maximum rebate is \$165.

Church Leadership Incentives (Leaders typically are board members, elders, deacons, team leaders)

1. [General Assembly](#) registration for voting delegates. July 20-24 * Des Moines, IA
2. [Mid-America Men & Friends Ozarks Getaway & Retreat](#). *Return to the Wilderness: God Will Speak to You - Come Hear/Here for Yourself*, May 3-5 * Shannondale Retreat * Timber, MO
3. [Men's Rites of Passage](#), June 20-23 * Sandstone, MN
4. Soularize Men's Retreat, October 23-27 * Ghost Ranch and Bernalillo, NM
5. Selected Women's Retreat (Details forthcoming)
6. Mid-America Church Leader Retreat: *Leading from Your Spiritual Center*. Sept. 27-29 * Echo Bluffs State Park Resort / Shannondale Retreat Center, Timber, MO.
7. Mid-America Civil Rights History Pilgrimage. August 8-12 * Visiting landmarks, museums and participating in a commemorative event in Memphis, TN; Selma, Lowndes County, Montgomery, & Birmingham, AL. (Details forthcoming)
8. Disciples Summer Missions, for adults/sponsors. Register through [Summer Mid-America Camps page](#). June 24-28 * Springfield
9. [Association of Disciple Musician Annual Conference](#), July 7-12 * Webster Groves (STL), MO.

Clergy Leadership Incentives

10. All of the above plus: Any one or two courses from the [Ministry Training Program at Phillips Seminary](#).
11. Purchase of one or two [Chalice Press](#) books whose reading will be reported for clergy continuing education requirements.
12. Persons in Ministry Retreat, "Caring for the Prophet: *The God That Sings Over Us* – Zeph. 3:17" with Valerie Tustin, storyteller keynoter. September 16-18 * Columbia, MO
13. [The Universal Christ: Another Name for Every Thing Conference](#), featuring Richard Rohr, John Dominic Crossan and Jacqui Lewis. Participants will attend a download satellite location at Southwood UCC in Raytown, MO. March 28-30. \$39.

Mid-America Disciples Rickman Legacy Fund Leadership Development Grant Rebate Form

The Regional Leadership Development Team appreciates your willingness to engage in insights important to the vitality of our ministry together. We acknowledge your efforts by providing rebates. We hope doing so lives out our mission statement: *Leadership Development supports and nurtures the relational authority of Mid-America Disciples leaders by providing and promoting resources, events, grants, training, and retreats to increase congregational identity, connection, and vitality toward fulfilling our mutual mission and ministry.* Thank you!!!

Rebate forms and receipts of registration costs or expenditures are **due by October 31, 2019.**

All ministers requesting a tuition rebate are to have met the RCOM Continuing Education reporting requirements to have received your current year authorized ministry standing card and submit the 2019 report - you are now well on your way in meeting the required hours!

Name _____

Congregation _____

Address for check _____

Phone _____ Email _____

To whom check should be made out _____

Please circle which reimbursement category applies to you:

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