



THE **wesleyan** CHURCH

Education & Clergy Development

Dear Vice-Chair/Lay Leader,

Thank you for caring so well for your pastor(s). *Studies have shown that one of the most significant factors for clergy well-being is the support pastors feel from their congregations. A partnership between you and your pastor(s) is highly significant for their effectiveness and well-being.*

We are honored to partner with you to help your pastor(s) thrive personally and professionally. Included in this packet are some fantastic opportunities to further support your pastor and their families for Pastor Appreciation Month in **October**.

In this packet, you will find the following resources that can be of direct benefit to your pastor(s) and their families):

- **Bless Your Pastor Brochure:** This program from the National Association of Evangelicals will give you a myriad of creative ideas to bless your pastor. You will especially want to notice how your pastor can receive a \$200 gift card.
- **#myPASTORrocks22:** This flyer explains how **you can win a prize for your pastor** by posting a picture of you and the pastor's family (not just the pastor) on Facebook or Twitter that includes a sign with your Pastor's name and a few words to describe your Pastor and their family. Prizes include. . .

Amazon gift cards - Beats Wireless Earbuds - \$200 Visa gift card

WPH Digital Download of the Wesley Bible Commentary set

WPH Digital Download of the Wesley Bible Studies set

Grand Prize of 2023 Gathering registration/accomodation
for a pastor and spouse in Orlando, Florida.

A wonderful way to show your appreciation to your pastor this year (and spouse if married) and pastoral family is to encourage their attendance to The Gathering in Orlando, FL. (visit: <https://www.wesleyan.org/event/the-gathering-2023>). This high-quality, once-every-four years event focuses on clergy wellbeing. It has proven to be a significant way for Wesleyan pastors and spouses to refresh their walk with God and others. Please consider setting aside funds to help your pastor to attend.

You can also find other ideas for appreciating your pastor(s) on our website:

www.wesleyan.org/pastorappreciation

Thank you for living out the words of the Apostle Paul who wisely encouraged us *“to respect those who work hard among you . . . hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work”* (1 Thess. 5:12-13). May God bless you lavishly for your faithful service to the church.

Together in faith, let's expect God to do great things in the coming months to affirm and appreciate the pastors and spouses of The Wesleyan Church.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Johanna Chacon Rugh in black ink.

Rev. Johanna Chacon Rugh
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Rev. David Higle in black ink.

Rev. David Higle
Director of Clergy Care

#MyPastorRocks22

PASTOR
Appreciation
MONTH

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3

FOR
EVERYTHING
YOU DID

THANK YOU!

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1 Thes 1:3

i just
wanted
to say

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1 Thes 1:3



It's been a difficult few years for pastors.
Now it's as Easy as 1-2-3 to show & share
God's love with your pastor & staff.

To access this sheet, visit BlessYourPastor.org/123 or
BlessYourPastor.org/123spanish for the Spanish version.

1 CHOOSE a 50 Ways list to give to all the families in your church after first watching the 7-minute BlessYourPastor.org/video. The 50 Ways will help everyone show and share God's love. Your church leaders can arrange to share the list in the worship service, bulletin, newsletter, email or by snail mail.

*50 Creative Ways
to Bless Your Pastor*

[8.5 x 11 sheet](#)
[2 sided bulletin insert](#)
[Trifold brochure](#)

*50 Creative Ways to
Bless Your Pastor & Staff*

[8.5 x 11 sheet](#)
[2 sided bulletin insert](#)
[Trifold brochure](#)

*Suggested letter or email
from the church board*

[Bless Your Pastor](#)
[Bless Your Pastor & Staff](#)
[Logos and Graphics](#)

2 COLLECT a special Appreciation Offering from the congregation OR a board-approved pastor-staff bonus during October Pastor Appreciation Month, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

3 CELEBRATE your pastor and church staff publicly in one or more of the following ways: collect cards/notes/gift cards; honor and pray for them in a service; host an appreciation meal; create an appreciation slide show or video; ask children to draw pictures or write notes; and/or encourage people to post a thank you on social media about why they appreciate their pastor.

\$200 Gift Cards, Retreats and Vacations for Pastors

For first-time participating churches that complete all 3 steps and collect an appreciation offering of \$100 or more, we will email your senior pastor a grant-funded \$200 Amazon gift card! For all participating churches, your pastor will be given access to free and discounted retreat and vacation opportunities.

**Next step: Complete the online form
at BlessYourPastor.org/gifts**

Limited to the first 2,000 USA/Canada/Puerto Rico churches that apply online from August 1 to January 15, 2023. Only one \$200 pastor gift card will be sent to each new church.

Additional Resources

- **Financial Health & Generosity Training Videos for Pastors and Church Leaders**
NAEfinancialhealth.org/trainingvideos
- **Bless Your Finances Video Course**
Free at-home, interactive training video and best practices resources for individuals and couples seeking to improve their financial health. BlessYourFinances.org
- **Pastor & Church Staff Salary Research**
BlessYourPastor.org/klutharticle1

*Bless Your Pastor is a grant-funded movement and national media campaign organized by the National Association of Evangelicals to empower, encourage and equip Christians and churches to show and share God's love for their pastor and church staff. In 2019-2021, the NAE provided free Bless Your Pastor materials for thousands of churches from all denominations and affiliations and Amazon gift cards to 2,500 senior pastors in the United States/Canada/Puerto Rico. This movement is co-sponsored by many national denominations, associations, businesses, ministries, broadcasters and publications. For more information, visit BlessYourPastor.org.

FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor and church staff is to pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

FONDNESS

- Let them know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember their birthdays and anniversaries with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for their strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

FREEDOM

- Give their spouses the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let their children “be kids,” care about them, and pray for them.

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare meals or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give them gift cards for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give them food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite them and their families to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite them and their families to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor and staff members sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let them use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer them the use of your dependable vehicle for a holiday family trip or vacation.

FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor or church staff members will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or costs for home repair).

FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor and church staff can be properly compensated.

Beyond the church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor & Staff offering
- Marriage retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children’s college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple’s vacation or getaway
- Pastor’s conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about “paying it forward.” Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor or church staff members. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor or church staff to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you.



SAFE, AFFORDABLE COACHING & COUNSELING FOR MINISTRY LEADERS



**A Wellbeing
Membership
Designed
For You.**

AFFORDABLE COUNSELING

Confidential and professional help you need

PRACTICAL COACHING

A customized plan to accomplish your goals

MINDFULNESS CHECK-INS

Tools to help you track your wellbeing

STRENGTHENING RESOURCES

Services to help you thrive in life and ministry

Wellbeing Resources For Ministry Leaders

A membership program for pastors and ministry leaders to get the coaching, counseling and resources they need and want.

MEMBERSHIP PERKS

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- ✓ CUSTOMIZED COACHING
- ✓ WELLBEING CHECK-INS
- ✓ STRENGTHENING RESOURCES
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