



Pastor Builders

Building the Next Generation of Pastors

What is Pastor Builders?

Pastor Builders is a residency program at First Reformed Church in Grand Haven, MI for preparing emerging leaders for ordained pastoral ministry.

What is the Vision?

To meet the urgent and growing need for faithful and competent pastoral leaders for gospel ministry.

What is the Process?

Pastor Builders is designed to be a 2-year program that will assist future pastors become ordained in the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). The process begins with Pathways: the standard ARC assessment based upon a resident's previous academic work and ministry experience. Based on the Pathways assessment, each resident will have a customized program to help them reach ordination. Since each situation will be unique, it is possible that the residency could be shortened or expanded in length of time.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants are committed followers of Jesus Christ who feel a call into pastoral ministry. In general, it is preferred if the applicant has a Bachelor's degree (or some accredited Biblical classes) and some ministry experience, but it is not required. Also, applicants should have an appreciation for the doctrines of the Reformed faith. While our primary focus will be on developing future ARC pastors, we would like to remain kingdom minded and are open to consider other ministry candidates.



What Can I Expect from Pastor Builders?

The residency program is built upon 3 foundations key to successful pastoral ministry: Knowledge, Character, and Competency. Residents will engage in each of these areas through coursework (through our ministry partners), mentoring, and many opportunities to engage in hands-on ministry (preaching, teaching, worship planning, administration...) The goal is to prepare future pastors across a wide range of disciplines to help them lead impactful Christ-centered gospel-driven ministries in the future.

What Are The Expectations?

Pastor Builders is a part-time program in which residents will be expected to participate in the life of FRC. Residents will be expected to commit 15+ hours per week to the program. Residents will be paid for their time at an hourly rate.

Who Leads Pastor Builders?

The residency program is directed by FRC pastor, Rev. Dr. John Kenny. He has been at the church for nearly 20 years and has a calling to help train and develop emerging pastors. FRC is a healthy, small-midsize historic congregation that is eager to invest in and come alongside future leaders so that the gospel of Jesus Christ may continue to go forward for generations to come.

What's My Next Step?

If you would like to apply or if you have any questions about Pastor Builders, please contact John Kenny:

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