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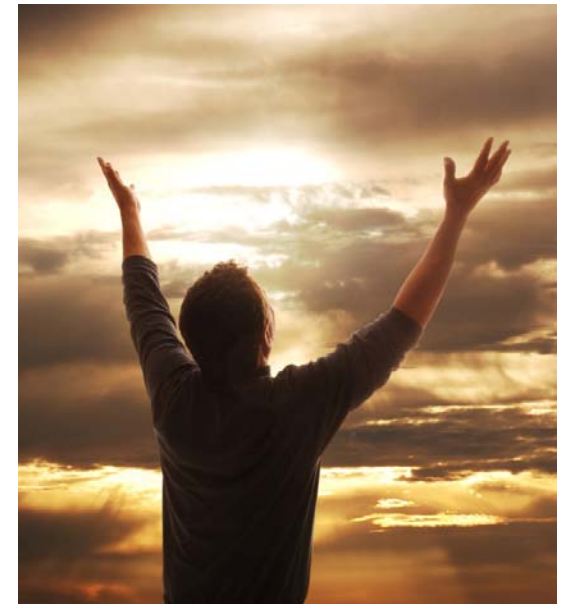
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The Here I Am Program...

- Creates a very special “community of practice” for the first-time pastor
- Matches qualified candidates with a “teaching congregation”
- Benefits the new pastor and their congregation in specific ways

Pre-requisites for the Here I Am Program – Home presbytery has certified the candidate “ready to receive a call” or soon will, candidate has graduated or nearly graduated from an accredited seminary, shows demonstrable gifts for ministry through completion of field study and/or CPE training.

Benefits For New Pastors in the Here I Am Program

Those who qualify and are called to serve in the Here I Am Ministry will become designated pastors in selected small congregations. These congregations will meet or exceed the minimum Terms of Call recommended by the Presbytery of Great Rivers. In addition:

- First call to parish ministry will take place in a “teaching congregation”
- Certified as a Here I Am Pastor after completing 2-year designated position
- Option is open to becoming installed pastor after 2-years
- First call is intentionally supported to help create a richly rewarding experience

- Additional 1-week Continuing Education for Here I Am Pastors
- Additional \$1,000 for regular Continuing Education (\$2,000 total)
- Participating congregations qualify for Board of Pensions seminary debt reduction
- Presbytery of Great Rivers offers \$5,000 additional grant/loan for educational debt reduction. The money is a grant, providing that the applicant stays in parish ministry in the PCUSA for at least three years after the completion of the two years of participation in this program.

