

## **WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

Applicants must be clergywomen (inclusive of femme-identifying nonbinary clergypersons) actively serving in ministry.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

Applicants must be willing to uphold the following commitments over the course of the 15-month cohort:

- Attendance and participation in regular peer group meetings to be reported to the Program Director through monthly journal entries. The frequency and duration of peer group meetings, including whether these meetings will occur in-person or online will be determined by the group in coordination with the program director. All groups must meet the monthly requirement as set forth by the program. Each month there will a 90-minute session with your peer group and 90 minutes of prep work. The majority of these session will be led by our TIM program coach.
- Attendance at and active participation in both retreats. At the beginning of the cohort period there will be an opening cohort retreat coordinated by the Program Director, which will bring together all peer groups in the cohort. At the end of the Cohort there will a peer group specific retreat designed by each peer group and approved by the program director.
- Creation and participation in training of a small wellbeing team to be formed by each participant in their ministry setting. All resources will be provided by the TIM program to equip churches and ministry settings to create cultures that support thriving ministry and pastoral well-being.
- A minimum of one hour per month of intentional time with your partner.
- Attendance and participation in five individual coaching session provided by the TIM program.
- Each participant is being asked to pay \$500 for this wonderful opportunity. A match of \$500 from their ministry setting is also required. There is a limited amount of dollars for financial help which may be requested. Contact Rev. Sally Bevill for more information at [sally.bevill@millsaps.edu](mailto:sally.bevill@millsaps.edu)
- Each participant will receive 6 hours of continuing education credit at the completion of the cohort.

Please note, participants will receive financial support for all cohort-required activities, including peer group meeting materials, retreats (including travel, lodging, meals, and registration costs), congregational training and materials, and coaching so that **participation in this cohort comes at no cost to the clergywomen or their congregations and ministry setting with the exception of the \$1000 paid by the participant and their place of ministry.**

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please complete the following forms on behalf of each member of your partnership, and submit them together as a unit to Program Director Rev. Sally Bevill by August 20, 2024, at [sally.bevill@millsaps.edu](mailto:sally.bevill@millsaps.edu).

Use the checklist below to ensure that you have completed all sections of the application:

- Individual Application for Participant
- Recommendation Forms for Each Participant

### **Recommendation Forms**

As part of this completed application, Program Director, Rev. Sally Bevill, must receive **one recommendation form per participant** to be submitted by a mentor or colleague in ministry who has direct knowledge of her ministry experience and skills. Forms must be received for all participants by 5pm (CST) on August 20, 2024, for an application to be considered. Please share this link with those providing your recommendation and encourage them to fill out the form as soon as possible:

[CLICK HERE](#) to for downloadable recommendation form

For more information, please contact Rev. Sally Bevill at [sally.bevill@millsaps.edu](mailto:sally.bevill@millsaps.edu).

# Thriving In Ministry Program Application

NAME	DENOMINATION	Are you currently serving in your <b>first five years of ministry?</b>	Are you already experienced having completed at least ten years of ministry?

If selected for participation in this cohort of the Thriving in Ministry Program, I covenant to participate faithfully in all stated program requirements, including mandatory retreats on the following dates:

- **Wednesday October 9 – Sunday October 13th, 2024**
- **Peer Group Retreat - TBD**

Participant Signature

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**EACH PARTICIPANT MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PAGES.**

**Each participant must submit a Recommendation Form that will be completed and submitted separately by the recommender.**

**INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION**

Name:	Denomination:
Email:	Phone:
Home Address:	
Current Ministry Serving:	
Title/Role:	Phone:
Address:	
Description of your role:	
Pastoral Education and Training:	
Please list prior pastoral experience, name and city, title/role within the ministry, and dates of service for each appointment.	

Please answer each of the following questions in 500 words or less.

Please briefly share your call to ministry
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Please briefly describe your current ministry context, including your primary responsibilities and passions in your current role.

What is most life-giving to you as a clergywoman? Which aspects of your life and ministry most fulfill your sense of call and purpose?

What is most challenging for you as a clergywoman? For what areas of ministry and personal well-being would you most like to receive support?

What do you hope to gain from participation in this cohort?

What are your current practices to care for your physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being in the midst of the challenges of ministry?

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Pastor's Signature

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Date