

# PASTOR SABBATICAL

*Grant Program*

## Church Commitment Form & Essay:

The church and pastor certify that the information given on the application is complete and correct. We understand any failure to provide complete, accurate, and truthful information on the application will be grounds for denial or withdrawal of the application and any grant funds awarded. Please review and commit to the following statements:

- The church commits to praying for the pastor's rest, renewal and rejuvenation.
- The church commits to suspending all of the pastor's duties and contact during the sabbatical period.
- The church agrees that the funds awarded will be used for their intended purpose (to provide pulpit coverage during the pastor's absence and travel and other expenses for the pastor's sabbatical.)
- The church agrees that the sabbatical is in addition to, not in lieu of, the pastor's vacation time.
- The church will continue paying the pastor their current salary and benefits during their sabbatical leave.
- The church and pastor understand that some of the grant funds may be taxable.
- The grant funds will be used within one year of grant approval.
- The pastor will submit a one-paged (double-spaced) essay to [pastorsabbatical@texasbaptists.org](mailto:pastorsabbatical@texasbaptists.org) describing the impact of the sabbatical within 60-days of returning from sabbatical.
- Essay Portion: In a separate Word document, respond to the following essay question (minimum of 500 - 850 words): How will a pastor sabbatical benefit the church and the pastor?

Church Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan or photograph and email signed commitment form and essay response to [pastorsabbatical@texasbaptists.org](mailto:pastorsabbatical@texasbaptists.org) with subject title "Pastor Sabbatical Grant Forms." Completed commitment form and essay are required for applications to be considered.