

Clergy and Congregational Care Director

The Rev. Jeffrey L. Hawkins earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University, and his Master of Divinity from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jeff brings 23 years of parish experience, as well as seven years leading clergy wellness ministries. He served as Dean of the Northeast Conference of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod ELCA. He is founding board member and trainer for Education for Conflict Resolution, North Manchester, IN. He is a founding member of the IK Synod Conflict Management Committee and has served as a congregational consultant since 1988. He is currently under special call from the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Jeff is married to Kathy, an elementary school teacher, and has four grown children.

More About Us

The Samaritan Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has provided individual, family and group counseling services in our South Bend location since 1974. We believe in the multi-disciplinary approach—incorporating mind, body and spirit—and work together with pastors, physicians, and other health care providers to best serve our clients. We are familiar with the needs of those seeking help with marriage problems, family issues, anxiety, depression, stress, grief and other life concerns.

We are accredited by the Samaritan Institute of Denver, Colorado and are one of almost 100 Samaritan Centers in the United States and Japan.



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Helping People Find Their Way

Our Locations



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Church**

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South Bend, IN 46635



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South Bend, IN 46635

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Clergy Care:

Pathways for Clergy Renewal
and Spiritual Leadership

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Are you seeking fresh avenues for spiritual growth?

Do you desire to be encouraged in your vocation as a clergy?

Would you find a collegial community helpful?

Overview:

The Samaritan Center recognizes the need for ongoing clergy care. In response to this need, we are offering two opportunities for pastoral leaders who seek both nurture and challenge in their work. We welcome as participants all who are empowered by their faith communities and traditions to teach and lead others.

HOPE CSA:

A Hands-On Organic Approach

HOPE is a novel approach to clergy education and care which makes use of the resources of Creation on a small, diversified family farm near North Manchester, IN. Observing the need for pastors to understand the organic nature of their work, Pastor Hawkins has developed an eleven-month course of experience-based study that uses the farm as a practical analogy for living and working with a “flock”. HOPE groups are limited to eight persons, **meeting 8am-4pm on the third Monday, Thursday, and Friday of each month.** The first half of the day is spent engaging Creation and conversation as they do light farm work, such as weeding the gardens or tending the animals. At noon, a hearty meal of farm-grown food is shared, along with good conversation at the table. The second half of the day is spent in prayer, quiet reflection, study, and discussion to consider the natural processes that make for “holy health:” a wide view of health understood in its spiritual, emotional intellectual, physical, interpersonal, environmental, and vocational dimensions.

Total Course Fee: \$770 (\$70/month for 11 months) Includes hearty lunch.

CCC:

Clergy Challenge and Care Group

The Clergy Challenge and Care group meets monthly for 3.5 hours, including lunch. The goal is to provide a safe environment for meaningful conversation and real personal and collective growth, using time for devotion, prayer, book study, case presentation, and informal conversation. Groups are limited to eight participants. Two groups are offered on the second Thursday of each month. **The morning group meets from 9am-12pm, with lunch provided from 12pm-12:30. The afternoon group begins with the noon meal and continues 12:30-3:30pm.** We are considering offering two more groups—one in the morning and one in the afternoon on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Total Course Fee: \$320 (\$40/month for eight sessions) Includes lunch.

To inquire further about these opportunities, please call our administrative offices at 574-277-0274