



The Clamp Center for Preaching Excellence

Preaching Peer Learning Cohort (PPLC) Fact Sheet

What?

- A continuing education professional certificate program for pastors and preachers who regularly preach (minimum of 15 sermons per year) and want to sharpen their preaching in a lifelong pursuit of excellence.
- A community of 5-10 peers who learn from each other and with each other in a mutually supportive Preaching Peer Learning Cohort (PPLC) guided by an experienced preaching practitioner who serves as a mentor. Each Cohort meeting will also feature teaching from our *Homiletical Scholar in Residence* (Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.).
- An opportunity to explore five (5) key components of preaching excellence (The Person of the Preacher, Biblical Preaching, Application in Preaching, Celebration in Preaching, Sermon Delivery & Evaluation).

Who?

- PPLC members are primarily African American pastors and preachers born 1979 or later. While a primary focus is on those born 1979 or later, no one will be excluded who desires to participate in a PPLC.

When?

- Each PPLC will meet 2 hours monthly from August 2024 – May 2025. PPLC meeting formats include in-person, online (via Zoom), and hybrid.
- PPLC registration begins June 2024. The registration fee is a sliding scale based on average weekly worship attendance (in-person).

What's Next?

- If you are interested in more information on how you can participate in a PPLC, contact Rev. Leroy R. Armstrong, Jr., Executive Director of The Clamp Center for Preaching Excellence via phone/text (214.682.2885) or email (larmstrong@andersonuniversity.edu).
- Scan the QR code shown to the right.
- Complete a Response Card and return it to Leroy Armstrong.
- Visit our website at: <https://preachingexcellence.com>.



2024 – 2025 Confirmed Preaching Peer Learning Cohort Mentors (listed alphabetically)

- **Dr. Scottie Aaron**, Senior Pastor, The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Columbus, OH
- **Pastor Lawrence Aker**, Senior Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY
- **Rev. Leroy R. Armstrong, Jr.**, Executive Director, The Clamp Center for Preaching Excellence, Dallas, TX & Anderson, SC
- **Dr. Johnnie Bradley**, Senior Pastor, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
- **Dr. Richard Farmer**, Retired Pastor, DeSoto, TX
- **Bishop Eric Freeman**, Senior Pastor, The Meeting Place Church, Columbia, SC
- **Dr. Timothy Fuller**, Associate Director of Evangelism – African American Specialist, Texas Baptists, Dallas, TX
- **Dr. Tyler Hardeman, Sr.**, Senior Pastor, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL
- **Dr. Christopher Hartwell**, Senior Pastor, Crossroads Community Church, Missouri City, TX
- **Dr. Bobby Patterson**, Senior Pastor, Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church, Blytheville, AR
- **Rev. Michael Pigg**, Director of African American Engagement, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, SC
- **Dr. Lonnie Wesley**, Senior Pastor, Greater Little Rock Baptist Church, Pensacola, FL

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