

Pastoral & Ministry Leader Retreat Centers

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These referrals do not necessarily imply a complete endorsement. Though we try to avoid recommending ministries or organizations whose views and approach do not accord with our Christian principles, it is not always possible to ensure complete agreement in outlook, especially when the need to be met or the service to be rendered is very specific or technical in nature.

Alongside (alongsidecares.net)

ALONGSIDE is a counseling retreat ministry for pastors and missionaries who are in need of renewal and restoration. Our primary means of ministry to these Christian leaders is with a program that we call our **Renewal and Growth Retreats**. These 2- and 3-week long retreats are specifically designed to meet the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of pastors and missionaries who find themselves going through a difficult season of life and ministry.

A'nesis Christian Retreats and Counseling Sabbaticals (anesisretreats.com)

A'nesis is a 5-day intensive program that partners with the Holy Spirit to bring transformation to the Body of Christ. A'nesis is always uniquely tailored to each individual or marriage situation so that ultimate results are reached in a short amount of time.

Blue Fire Legacy (bluefirelegacy.org)

Blue Fire Legacy works primarily as a proactive and preventative care ministry for both vocational and bi-vocational pastors, missionaries, and their families. In addition to coaching, consulting, and pastoral care for ministers, Blue Fire Legacy offers Biblically based teaching in a variety of formats including itinerant pulpit supply, conferences, and seminars/workshops. Along with intensives, BFL also offers weekly counseling appointments through video conference.

Care for Pastors (careforpastors.org)

To see every pastoral family persevering in ministry, developing a healthy church and leading in community transformation. They provide counseling, intensives, pastor's ally program (Pastors in this program enter into a relationship with a God-called, seasoned, gifted, healthy pastor who will connect with him once a month (at minimum) for a time of inquiry, listening, shared insights and prayer), also connection for pastor's wives through the Confidante Program, along with events, retreats and a Facebook group.

CareGivers Forum (caregiversforum.org)

Since 1989 the CareGivers Forum conference has brought together over 150 different ministries caring for pastors and their families. They represent many levels of resources for the pastor, pastoral family, church leaders and missionaries. This is a resource directory of many who have attended the Forum, met basic criteria and chosen to be listed here to offer their services.

Crie Haven Ministries, Inc. (criehavenministries.org)

Crie Haven Ministries is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization. The Crie Haven House provides affordable accommodations. Established as a safe haven and place of peace for the edification of Christian ministers, missionaries and other adult leaders, the fully equipped retreat center is available for rest, renewal, ministry and education.

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En Gedi Retreat (engediretreat.org)

En Gedi Retreat is a free vacation and retreat home for pastors and missionaries. It is a 501 (c) 3 organization with the purpose of keeping pastors and missionaries “Rested, Refreshed, and Renewed” in their service to the Kingdom.

FairHaven Ministries (fairhavenministries.net)

Fairhaven, with its quiet, mountain setting makes a perfect place to draw away from the stresses and distractions of our lives. Here, you can enjoy the privacy of your chalet or cottage without a T.V. or a telephone to interrupt your quiet time with God. A library in your guest housing can encourage you to dig deeper or we have study meditations to help you spend some extended time looking into the Word. Also available are guidelines that can be used to help you spend your days with your attention focused on God alone. Many church leaders use their time at Fairhaven in prayer and fasting, seeking God's will for their ministry. Others come with fellow leaders to draw near to God together.

His High Places (hishighplaces.org)

His High Places offers hurting pastors and Christians a quiet, restorative place to receive biblical counseling and insight into life's challenges. Our guests are housed in our lovely “bed and breakfast” type home in their own private rooms where they receive more than 20 hours of ministry per week.

Hospitality Homes (hospitalityhomes.org)

HospitalityHomes.org is a network of homes providing rest and renewal for full-time pastors, clergy, missionaries, chaplains, ministry directors, and other full-time Christian workers. The network of homes are privately owned by Christian hosts in the spirit of Romans 12:13 “Share with God's people in need ... practice hospitality.” They are available to full-time Christian workers seeking spiritual and physical renewal at a nominal fee to the ministry. Our goal is to provide opportunities for those who are on the frontlines to “come away” with Jesus and get some rest and to be restored.

Marble Retreat (marbleretreat.org)

The mission of Marble Retreat is to help bring healing, hope and restoration to those in vocational Christian ministry and the Church at large through Christ-centered brief intensive counseling. Marble Retreat's 8-day program consists of an effective combination of individual and group counseling led by professional counselors in a confidential setting of recreation and rest. As an interdenominational Christian counseling center, Marble Retreat provides a doorway to healing for those who are tired and hurting.

Mountain Learning Center (pastor-care.com/home.html)

We provide a mountain retreat for pastors and their spouses where a physically enjoyable, emotionally gratifying & spiritually invigorating experience revitalizes their relationship with God, self and others.

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Potters Inn (pottersinn.com)

The Aspen Ridge Retreat Center, located at 9,000 ft. elevation in beautiful Divide, Colorado offers the perfect setting for Soul Care. We believe PLACE is important for the soul to rest and be still. Our staff offer year-round hospitality for a private, comfortable and spiritually rich experience (at various locations). Many come tired, worn out and burned out. They return home nourished, loved and equipped to continue their journey well.

Ranch of Hope Counseling Center (ranchofhope.org)

The Ranch of Hope Counseling offers Five-Day Intensive Christian Counseling for hurting and troubled Couples, Families, and Individuals. Private, effective counseling in a relaxed, RETREAT STYLE Getaway setting, focused on your specific needs and concerns. The Ranch of Hope Counseling Center is located in one of the most spectacular, relaxing mountain settings in the country. We include beautiful, private lodging for guests to make your whole experience seamless. The Ranch of Hope wants to see your heart, your marriage, your family be all God planned it to be. Enjoy a healthier personal life. Build your marriage to last a lifetime. We're here when you need us the most! We can often serve you within a few weeks of your first call.

Scott River Lodge Christian Retreat Center (scottriverlodge.com)

The Pastor's Getaway is designed to be a place of rest and refreshment for those in pastoral ministry. Enjoy a week filled with 4-star dining, exciting outdoor activities, powerful new connections, meaningful marriage exercises, and quiet solitude with your spouse. The Scott River Lodge is the perfect setting to meet all of your needs. The week will be guided by experienced and biblically focused facilitators who have a heart to see pastors flourish in their lives and ministries. Spend time with other pastoral couples and explore the concepts of marriage, maturity, and margin. Using experiential education and the principles of God's Word, pastors are given practical tools and methods to ensure that they can continue to cultivate marital health while fostering their own spiritual formation. The Pastor's Getaway is a life-changing experience for couples as they disconnect from the daily demands, reconnect with their spouses, and connect themselves to God's Spirit in one of the most beautiful and unique environments in the country.

Shelter Pines (shelterpines.org)

Shelter Pines offers ministry families a safe and peaceful PLACE to rest and have fun, an opportunity to EXPERIENCE refreshment through all five senses and enjoyment of Creation, an INVITATION to reflect through intentional conversations or quiet pondering.

Shepherd's Heart Ministry (shministry.com)

Ministry Leaders are burned out, their marriages are in trouble, moral failure has crept into their lives and most of them don't have a trusted confidant they can turn to. Shepherd's Heart Ministry has the desire to help those individuals. We are a ministry that provides Ministry Leaders such as Pastors, Ministry Leaders, and Missionaries with individual, marriage and crisis counseling in the United States and across the globe. We provide a comprehensive range of services in the areas of intensive individual, marital or family therapy; pastoral care; spiritual and emotional healing; restoration; or spiritual mentoring and guidance at one of the Shepherd's Heart Retreat Centers.

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SonScape Retreats (sonscaperetreats.org)

SonScape Retreats offers 7-day retreats led by experienced ministry leaders who have been where you are. Our passion is to enrich your intimacy with Jesus and help you find balance in your everyday life. We believe healthy ministries are led by healthy leaders who have learned to follow the Jesus model of balancing work, worship, rest, and play. Our retreats are designed for pastors, missionaries, and parachurch leaders seeking a retreat to deepen their walk with Jesus or to sort out the struggles of ministry life.

Standing Stones Conference and Retreat Center (standingstonesaz.org), which is part of **Shepherd's Canyon Retreat**

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat provides week-long counseling retreats for men and women in full-time ministry who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue, and conflicts of all kinds. Retreats are conducted at the Standing Stones Retreat Center located near Wickenburg, Arizona.

Standing Stone Ministry (standingstoneministry.org)

We are a non-profit ministry organization, comprised of experienced and caring ministry leaders, committed to caring for pastors and their spouse at risk of leaving the ministry prematurely. Standing Stone shepherds are men and women who have been involved in pastoral ministry for years. They are a diverse group of individuals who have a desire to care for the men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to churches, ministry organizations, and missionary work in our country and around the world.

Quiet Waters Ministries (qwaters.org)

Since 2001, QuietWaters Ministries has successfully helped hundreds of Christian leaders with personal and professional crises. Through our one-on-one Intensive Programs, hosted at our beautiful Retreat Home in Parker, Colorado, our licensed counselors can help you get back in touch with God, renew your sense of calling, restore your professional vision and priorities, and strengthen your personal relationships. Here, at QuietWaters, you will receive the renewal, restoration, redemption, and strength you need to get back on track. QuietWaters' main purpose is to serve ministry leaders, whether you are male or female, single or married, a missionary here in the States or out-of-the-country, a male pastor or a female chaplain/minister. QuietWaters is here to serve you and your ministry.