

God's Still Small Voice

1 Kings Chapter 19:11-13

“And God said, “Go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord.” And behold the Lord passed by, and a great strong wind rent the mountain, and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind, an earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.”

God still speaks to us today in many voices calling us to service, but sometimes it seems impossible to follow the call of God's still, small voice. We have a family to support, our jobs are demanding, the kids are in college or retirement doesn't give us the financial support we expect. Is there anyway to answer that call without causing a major disruption in our lives? Yes, perhaps the simplest way is to become a CLP (Commissioned Lay Pastor). CLP's usually serve churches that have been unable to call an ordained pastor because of size, location, or financial constraints. Lay pastors often serve as pastors (part time), Assistant Pastors or Youth Leaders. They perform duties such as preaching, teaching, visitations, weddings, and funerals. Most CLP's are able to retain outside employment.

The CLP committee of the Transylvania Presbytery provides training, selects CLP apprentices and oversees their education training. The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary provides the courses necessary to meet the educational requirements of the Lay Pastors Program. This online computer study allows for flexibility and independent learning in a home environment.

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