

**NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE
2019 INTENT TO APPLY
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT DOCUMENT**

It is important that the leadership of the congregation be aware and supportive of their pastor's application to the Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI) since this experience will also impact the life of the congregation. It may be helpful to share with the congregation the NGLI FAQ document available at ngli2030.pbucc.org.

In order to complete the Intent to Apply process, review the following list of "Responsibilities of a Congregation" with the church leadership and have the church President/Moderator sign below. The signed page should be emailed to ngli2030@pbucc.org by February 1, 2019.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CONGREGATION

If a pastor is selected to participate in the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, the congregation can expect to:

- Partner with their pastor as they ask new questions, offer new ideas, practice new skills in ministry, and develop a mission and vision for the congregation,
- Provide the time for their pastor to attend NGLI events, which occur twice a year for approximately one week each in Years 1-4. Years 5-6 are more self-directed, but will also likely need time away for study. It is important to note that this is continuing education time, not vacation since the pastor will be hard at work learning and growing,
- Provide for worship leadership, pastoral care coverage, and other critical ministerial duties while their pastor is away,
- Avoid the scheduling of meetings or conference calls that expect to include their pastor during scheduled NGLI events,
- Have identified leaders participate in annual assessments of their pastor as a transformational leader,
- Complete the annual UCC Yearbook reporting so that trends and patterns can be observed across the churches participating in NGLI.

SIGNATURES

We are aware and support the application of our pastor to the Next Generation Leadership Initiative. We are prepared to abide by the list of “Responsibilities of a Congregation” if our pastor is selected to participate in NGLI.

Name of Congregation_____

City/State of Congregation_____

Print Name of Moderator/President_____

Signature of Moderator/President_____

Date_____

Print Name of Pastor applying for NGLI_____

Signature of Pastor applying for NGLI_____

Date_____