

## **Diocese of West Tennessee Policy on Continuing Education**

The spiritual well-being and the intellectual and professional growth of our clergy are vital to the health of our Diocese. Toward that end, our Diocese fully supports the continuing education of our bishop and our clergy by establishing the following policy:

- The Clergy, Vestry and Bishop should do as much planning as possible to prepare for this leave time.
- Each full-time canonically resident clergy is expected to take continuing education leave annually.
- Each full-time canonically resident clergy should be given no less than 14 days leave, which may include up to two Sundays, for continuing education during each calendar year.
- A minimum of \$1,000.00 should be budgeted by each congregation for this in addition to normal compensation for each full-time canonically resident clergy person on staff.