

TCC CARE SEMINAR FAQS:

1. How much does it cost to host a TCC Care Ministry Seminar?

Starting cost for a two-day in person custom seminar with one TCC trainer starts at \$6,000, plus speaker travel, training books and meals (optional). If attendance is greater than 100, we require a 2nd trainer which increases the cost by \$1500 (plus travel).

2. How can we reduce our costs?

Contact your church district or conference to see if they will sponsor all or a portion of the fee by opening it up to all the churches in your district or conference. Many United Methodist Districts have generously provided substantial funding of our care ministry training in an effort to get their churches trained! Often host churches have charged a nominal “per church” fee of \$100-\$300 to help offset costs. The host may prefer to charge a per person fee to each attendee to cover costs of food and books or find a local vendor to donate these instead. Ask if your church has grant money set aside for staff and volunteer training.

3. Who is presenting this webinar and what are the credentials of the trainers?

The Caring Congregation Inc, a 501(c)(3) organization, was created to train and equip church leaders how to build strong care ministries. Founder [Rev. Karen Lampe](#) created this method of care while serving as Executive Pastor of Congregational Care at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. Read this [letter of acknowledgement from Senior Pastor Rev. Adam Hamilton](#). We carefully vet and train all our leaders. All are pastors who have taken our training and implemented our model of care in their church. You may have more than one trainer at an additional cost of \$1500 per trainer. You will automatically be billed for an additional trainer if the size of your group is greater than 100 attendees.

4. What are the responsibilities of the Seminar Host regarding registration, books, materials, setup, etc.?

All hosts are provided this [detailed host guide](#) as well as links to handouts and certificates needed to help them prepare for a successful seminar.

5. What happens if one of the registered attendees misses a portion of the 2-day seminar? Will it be recorded?

No, the seminar will not be recorded.

6. Will the attendees receive a certificate of completion?

Yes, after the webinar ends all registrants who completed the training will receive a certificate of completion for 10 contact hours in Congregational Care (either a printed copy or digital file as decided by the seminar host).

7. If attendees are Certified Lay Ministers, can they use this seminar to receive a Specialization in Congregational Care?

Yes, this training fulfills [the requirement by the UMC Discipleship Ministries as a CCM Seminar](#). CLM's in good standing who have completed this training within 12 months may request a link to submit a final Care Ministry Action Plan to David Teel at the UMC Discipleship Ministries office by [contacting us here](#).

8. When is the follow-up Zoom meeting, and do our seminar attendees have to attend?

An optional free follow-up live Zoom meeting is scheduled within 30 days after training ends. After the seminar ends, all registrants will receive a follow up email with details on when and how to attend this casual Q&A styled forum to ask questions to the TCC Leader now that they've had time to absorb the information received during the webinar. This is no charge for this meeting.

9. What will attendees learn and who do we contact if we have more questions?

The introductory Basic CCM Training typically covers chapters 1-12 in [The Caring Congregation: Implementation Guide](#). It also includes sessions on current topics impacting churches in today's context of care ministry. Here is a [sample schedule](#) and a [course syllabus](#). Each day the seminar typically runs for approximately 7 hours, which includes lots of breaks for meals, snacks and stretching! However, seminar hosts may adjust the timing of the training with their TCC Leader as needed for their setting.

Link to our general [email address](#).