

Application

New Frontiers 2025-26 Cohort

First Retreat: August 4-7, 2025 (in Santa Barbara)

Second Retreat: November 3-6, 2025
(in San Juan Bautista, CA)

Third Retreat: May 18–21, 2026 (in Santa Barbara)

Please return this form to newfrontiers@westmont.edu. There is no cost to participate in the program, and New Frontiers covers travel costs to and from retreats.

Personal Information

Last Name

First

Middle

Preferred Name (if applicable)

Gender

Preferred Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Preferred Phone

Work / Home / Cell?

Email

Church or Ministry Employer

Location

Denomination / Tradition

Years in Professional Ministry

Emergency Contact Name

Relationship

Emergency Contact Phone

How did you hear about New Frontiers?

Personal and Professional Background

1. Please outline your educational experience after high school.

2. Briefly describe pastoral roles you've held and accompanying responsibilities.

3. What's one favorite book, film, podcast, painting, or other creative work that illustrates something important about who you are as a person and pastor?

Interest in New Frontiers *(complete below, or attach separately)*

1. What attracts you to this program and what would you value receiving from it?

2. If not covered above, in what specific ways could New Frontiers help broaden or sharpen your vision for ministry?

Covenant of Participation

New Frontiers offers pastors a year of mentoring, peer support, vocational exploration, and professional refreshment. Though the program carries no financial cost for participants, it depends on a mutually invested partnership—with cohort members, whose consistent presence creates and nourishes the group, and with churches, whose prioritization of this opportunity for their pastors makes the experience possible and strengthens their own faith communities. We ask that applicants formalize that understanding by making the following commitments.

- I will make every effort to be physically present at our three full-cohort retreats in California.
- I will faithfully participate in online mentoring activities, which will involve approximately one individual conversation and one group meeting per month.
- I will approach the cohort year expecting and welcoming diversity—in participants' denominational traditions, theological commitments, political views, aesthetic sensibilities, personalities, and more.
- Where possible, I will secure support for my participation in New Frontiers from those who supervise my ministry (direct staff supervisor, head of staff, personnel chair, etc.), keep them apprised of retreat dates and other time commitments, and share what I'm experiencing and learning through New Frontiers.

Applicant Signature

Date

Reference Form

To be completed by a pastor, supervisor, spiritual director, mentor, or other person who can speak to the applicant's personal and professional character. This form may be completed and mailed to The Gaede Institute, Westmont College, 955 La Paz Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108, or the requested information may be submitted electronically to newfrontiers@westmont.edu.

Reference Name

Title / Institution

Relationship to Applicant

Please briefly indicate why this applicant is a suitable candidate for New Frontiers. What interests, skills, and abilities would he or she bring to the cohort? In what ways might the applicant's ministry benefit from his or her participation in the program?