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**The D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership Announces the Release of
Ancient Wisdom, Living Mission, and the corresponding Pastoral Residency Course**

A Strategic and Theological Response to the Crisis in Pastoral Ministry

TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA — The D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership, a ministry of Faith for Living, Inc., is pleased to announce the release of [*Ancient Wisdom, Living Mission: Preparing Ministers of the Gospel for Word and Work Through the Pastoral Training Model*](#) (Wipf and Stock Publishers) by Dr. Michael A. Milton.

At a time when churches across denominations are experiencing increased pastoral burnout and attrition, Dr. Milton offers a biblically grounded and research-informed response through the development of the **Pastoral Training Model (PTM)**. The work draws upon Scripture, the historic wisdom of the Church, and contemporary research supported in part by the Lilly Endowment.

“The shepherd must also be shepherded,” said Dr. Milton. “If we are to strengthen the Church, we must recover a way of forming ministers who can endure and flourish in their calling.”

The book presents a comprehensive vision for pastoral formation that unites theological education (*theologia*) with lived ministry practice (*praxis*), addressing one of the most pressing challenges facing the Church today: not merely calling pastors, but sustaining them.

From Book to Practice: The Shepherd’s Path

The principles outlined in *Ancient Wisdom, Living Mission* are embodied in the Institute’s flagship training initiative, The Shepherd’s Path Pastoral Residency. This twelve-month, competency-based program equips pastors through:

- Local church-based ministry formation

- Guided theological reflection
- Mentoring and peer support
- Practical application across the full scope of pastoral life

The program is designed for those called to ministry, seminarians, newly ordained ministers, and organizations (churches, networks, dioceses, presbyteries, districts, etc.) seeking a structured and sustainable pathway for pastoral development.

Learn more about the course: [The Shepherd's Path Pastoral Residency Course](#)

Availability

Ancient Wisdom, Living Mission is available in paperback and digital formats through major booksellers.

Order the paperback on [Amazon](#).

The book is also available through retailers, including Barnes & Noble, as well as other global distributors.

About the Author

Dr. Michael A. Milton is a Presbyterian (PCA) minister, retired U.S. Army Chaplain (Colonel), educator, and President of Faith for Living and The D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership. He has served as Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and continues his work through Faith for Living, Inc., focusing on pastoral formation, theological education, and Gospel ministry. Learn more: michaelmilton.org/about.

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About The D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership

The D. James Kennedy Institute of Reformed Leadership is a ministry unit of Faith for Living, Inc., dedicated to strengthening the Church by “shepherding shepherds to shepherd the flock.” Through research, teaching, and ministry development, the Institute seeks to form spiritually and vocationally healthy ministers of the Gospel for enduring service in Christ’s Church. The D. James Kennedy Institute is a nonprofit ministry unit of Faith for Living, Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation.

Learn more about the book on the [Official Book Page](#).