**Pastoral Skills for Musicians**

**Leadership Program for Musicians:**

***Resources* course session**

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Clergy have had an opportunity to learn pastoral skills during seminary education. Musicians typically have not had such training, but still nurture and minister to the people of God, whether in a small or large parish. Personal growth and more effective music ministries will benefit from intentional development of pastoral skills. This session will include gifts for ministry, care of the self, interpersonal skills: communication techniques, working with difficult people, and responding to criticism, and the power of positive language.

## Pastoral Skills for Musicians

### A. Identification of spiritual gifts

1. Theology of gifts

2. Gifts for ministry

### B. Care of self

### C. Interpersonal skills

### 1. Communication techniques

###  a. Dialogue

###  b. Discussion

###  c. Listening

###  d. Interpreting body language

###  e. Dealing with stress and anger

###  f. "I" statements

###  g. Communication traps

### 2. Working with difficult people

### 3. Responding to criticism

### D. Power of positive language