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Training Faith Based Caregivers



The Goal:

To more effectively love, care,
and minister to the needs of
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Ecumenical Institute... At a Glance

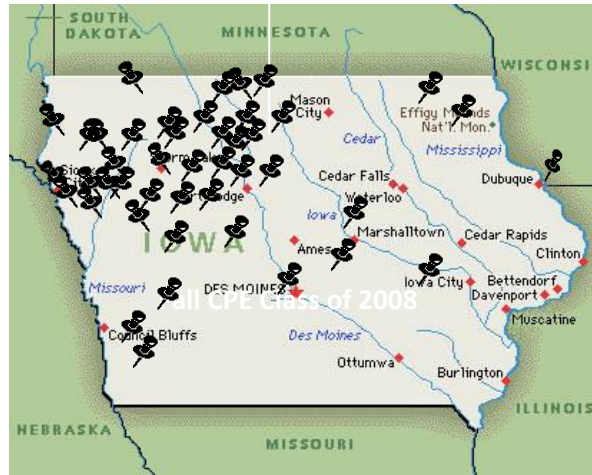
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EI's vision is to provide care for humans in all conditions of life and offer spiritual training to those who assist in that care.

EI mobilizes pastoral care throughout Northwest Iowa by:

- Providing Certified Pastoral Education (CPE) to individuals committed to Northwest Iowa—through classes, workshops, and seminars.
- Mobilizing pastoral care by networking together with leaders from congregations, civic organizations, businesses, and community service providers.
- Empowering pastoral caregivers to “pass it on” within their own spheres of influence from congregations, to the workplace, and to the community at large.

“Iowa’s EI Ministry Graduates”



“I’ve come to realize what really matters in this world: helping build strong communities, ministering to people in their pain, and

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