

2026 Clergy & Religious Leaders Application

Deadline: Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 11:59 PM EST

Short Essay Questions

You will find the following questions on the online application at the Submittable portal. Please be prepared to upload your responses to these questions in **a single PDF document**, along with the other components of the application, by the FASPE Clergy & Religious Leaders deadline using the link in Submittable. Responses should not exceed 1800 words in total.

1. Why are you interested in FASPE? What do you hope to gain from participating in the program? What perspectives or experiences would you contribute to enrich discussions?
2. What does it mean to you to be a professional? How do you see your responsibility as a professional in your profession?
3. Describe an ethical dilemma that you have encountered or expect to encounter in your career. What are the ethical issues for the individual religious leader in dealing with this challenge? How can or should you/the individual religious leader respond?
4. FASPE examines the role, behavior, choices, and ethical lapses of the professionals during the Nazi regime. Where do you think that you personally are most vulnerable to ethical violations?
5. We live in complicated times with enormous ethical challenges, extreme partisanship, and strongly-held opinions. FASPE is a multifaith program with Fellows drawn from a number of faith traditions, and requires engaging in civil dialogue with individuals who cross faith traditions while grappling with difficult topics and participating in controversial discussions. Why will you succeed in such an atmosphere?
6. Tell us about a novel, play, poem, painting, sculpture, piece of music, or other work of art (loosely defined) that has had an impact on who you are today, and tell us why.