

## **Church Board Letter - Attention Church Governing Board**

During the process of approving your pastor's visit to a Broom Tree Retreat please read the following:

### **Jesus modeled it.**

Time alone with God to listen to Him and learn of His guidance is vital and was modeled for us by Jesus, who often called his disciples to a quiet place where He could teach them. Additionally, in order to maintain a healthy family, pastors need time alone with their spouse. In order for your church to have healthy and spiritually invigorated pastor, you need to provide the opportunity for periodic breaks from your pastor's schedule where he/she can reconnect with God and with his/her spouse

### **A Broom Tree Retreat is not a vacation:**

Your pastor should not be using vacation time to attend. Even IRS looks at our retreats as "Continuing Education". These retreats are a free gift to the pastor and your church but are definitely not vacations. They are a strategic spiritual withdrawal in order to hear God's direction for your church. Broom Tree Ministries is doing its part in providing the retreat free of charge and we ask your church to participate by not taking away vacation time from your pastor.

### **A Broom Tree Retreat Provides:**

We offer a definite program that has been carefully designed by Broom Tree Ministries. The program consists of time alone with God in prayer and Bible study, as well as networking with other pastors. The program has been designed to "thrust pastors, and their spouses, into the presence of God".

### **The Founders of Broom Tree Ministries**

Since May of 1997, Dwayne and Rita Hanon, founders of Broom Tree Ministries, have ministered to over 2,800 people from 92 different denominations. They can assure you that when a pastor couple takes the time to seek God through retreat that they do hear from Him in wonderful ways. The evaluations of the program and testimonies from these couples encourage us that the positive effect of this type of retreat lasts long after it is over. This benefits your church. Our guests spend large blocks of time each day in prayer and study, either alone or with their spouse. With uninterrupted time God can speak to the pastor's heart. We believe that frequent spiritual retreats are vital to the health and well being of the pastor and their family, which positively impacts the churches they lead.

Our God is faithful. When your pastor takes time to be alone with Him God will meet with him. In today's society, more than ever, a healthy pastorate is critical. We applaud your willingness to encourage your pastor couple to retreat. We would also encourage you to pray for them while they are on retreat.