



The Presbyterian Foundation has received a three-year grant as part of the Lilly Endowment's National Initiative to Address the Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders. The Foundation's Initiative, Church Financial Literacy and Leadership, will provide pastors and church leaders with resources, tools and other support to help address the financial and leadership challenges of congregational ministry and mission in the 21st century. These resources will help pastors to navigate the changing cultural context they face and to seek to strengthen the financial vitality of their congregations enabling these congregations to join in Christ's mission to engage their local communities.

The Foundation will accomplish this in five ways:

1. **Working directly with** congregations in a year-long pilot that will address each **congregation's contextual challenges in the area of church financial management, mission clarity, cultivating a culture of generosity, and forming generous disciples.**
2. **By training and equipping pastors in their first five years in ministry**, particularly in developing a theology of stewardship, developing generous disciples and gaining financial literacy that helps pastors become cultural architects of Biblical stewardship and generosity.
3. In partnership with the Church Planting Initiative at Pittsburgh Seminary, we will **develop church financial management resources and educational materials that are particular to New Worshiping Community leaders and church planters as they engage new and emerging forms of church.**
4. **Creating a user friendly e-learning/training portal providing theological and practical resources** for church financial management, leadership, and discipleship. We will also offer a Certificate in Church Financial Leadership through this portal.
5. **Making Grants available to allow pastors to attend continuing education opportunities** which will help them in leading their congregations toward financial and missional vitality.