CHURCH FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP
GRANT PROGRAM

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastors and commissioned ruling elders are encouraged to apply for matching funds to attend financial literacy and leadership events and training.

The Presbyterian Foundation is accepting applications for a newly established Church Financial Leadership Grant. Grant applicants must be a pastor, commissioned ruling elder (CRE), or leader of a 1001 New Worshiping Community within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Funds are available for those pastoral leaders seeking to gain a better understanding of church financial vitality and management of their congregations.

The Church Financial Leadership grants are matching funds, and applicants must provide the source(s) for the other half of expenses. Eligible expenses include registration fees, transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses for approved church financial leadership events, training and continuing education opportunities.

Church Financial Literacy and Leadership Grant recipient testimonials:

"I attended a stewardship event and came away with new energy and imagination for a better way of doing annual stewardship campaigns. It led me to advocate for a presbytery-wide training program as a long-term solution to our churches' ongoing stewardship needs."

– Rev. Jeff Sockwell, Pastor, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Lewisville, N.C.

"We've used some of the ideas I learned at the stewardship conference, and I am talking/writing much more about stewardship – not just in the fall. Giving has increased."

– Rev. Dr. Carol Fisher, Pastor, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo.

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BLESSING Hope Faith CULTURE Spiritual Disciplines

Literacy STEWARDSHIP GROWING Generous Disciples GENEROSITY

Joy Love Offering Giving Changing Landscape

TIME Service Abundance GIFT Vitality MINISTRY RELATIONSHIPS Money MISSION

Simplicity LIFESTYLE Talent

Applications received are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Grant applications take approximately 4 weeks to process. Applications are available at presbyterianfoundation.org/financialleadership.

The Church Financial Leadership Grants will enable pastors to institute best practices for church financial leadership, introduce them to new models of giving and stewardship, and offer new ways to talk about money and form generous disciples within their church.

"The Presbyterian Foundation believes that church vitality is connected to strong and thriving pastoral leadership," says Rev. David M. Loleng. Loleng is the director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership, and oversees the Foundation's programs and services to help build pastors' confidence and training around financial leadership and management of their congregations. "This grant program is a first step toward effectively changing church culture toward healthier understanding and practices of church financial administration and leadership." The grants were made possible from the Foundation's work as part of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.

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LIST OF PRE-APPROVED EVENTS/COURSES

1. Stewardship Kaleidoscope, Presbyterian Stewardship Conference **stewardshipkaleidoscope.org**

2. Ecumenical Stewardship Center Conferences **stewardshipresources.org**

3. Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) and Creating Cultures of Congregational Generosity Courses, Lake Institute **philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/index.html**

4. Lakeside Chautauqua Generosity and Stewardship Conference **lakesideohio.com/community/generosity**

5. Horizons Stewardship, Academy of Faith and Money **horizons.net**

If the event or continuing education opportunity is not listed in the following pre-approved list, please describe the event/gathering and why this will help with your church financial literacy and leadership.

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