

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 recently 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. Church stewardship team members are encouraged to apply with their pastors.

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 testimonial:

“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.



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, 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.

LIST OF PRE-APPROVED EVENTS/COURSES

1. Stewardship Kaleidoscope, Presbyterian Stewardship Conference stewardshipkaleidoscope.org
2. Ecumenical Stewardship Center Conferences stewardshipresources.org
3. 1001 New Worshipping Community National Gathering: Financial Sustainability Track presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2
4. Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) and Creating Cultures of Congregational Generosity Courses, Lake Institute philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/index.html

If the event that you would like to attend is not on this list, but it will assist you in leading your congregation’s stewardship during this time, please apply. Please be sure that you describe the event and how it will be beneficial. We know that most events are going to be virtual this year, due to COVID-19, and that is okay. If it is a virtual event that requires a registration fee, please apply.

Apply for the Church Financial Leadership Grant

For more information, please contact David Loleng, Director of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership, by email at serving@presbyterianfoundation.org or phone 800-858-6127 ext. 5901.

Visit presbyterianfoundation.org/grant to apply.