



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 Church Financial Leadership grants. 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.

Grant recipient testimonial:

“This grant allowed us not only to invest in financial literacy and leadership but also to cultivate a culture of shared responsibility, creativity, and hope for what God can do through us.”

— Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Pastor,
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE



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. Dr. David M. Loleng, the Vice President of Church Financial Literacy and Leadership and Stewardship Education. He 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.”

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LIST OF PRE-APPROVED EVENTS/COURSES

1. Stewardship Kaleidoscope, Presbyterian Stewardship Conference stewardshipkaleidoscope.org
2. Executive Certificate in Religious Fundraising (ECRF) and Creating Cultures of Congregational Generosity Courses, Lake Institute philanthropy.iupui.edu/institutes/lake-institute/index.html

*If there is a church financial education opportunity that isn’t listed here that you would like to take part in, whether in-person or online, please apply and we will review your application.

Application Information

- The application deadline for funds for Stewardship Kaleidoscope is August 17, 2026.
- Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed and processed based on fund availability.
- Grant applications may take up to four weeks to process.
- Applications are available at presbyterianfoundation.org/grant.

Apply for the Church Financial Leadership Grant

Visit presbyterianfoundation.org/grant to apply.

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