



United Methodist Churches of Indiana

CLERGY CONTINUING FORMATION GRANT APPLICATION

Guidelines and Instructions

The purpose of the Clergy Continuing Formation Grant is to fulfill the intent of paragraph 350.1 in the 2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline, "*Throughout their careers, clergy shall engage in continuing education for ministry, professional development, and spiritual formation and growth in order to lead the church in fulfilling the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ.*"

1. Grants are available to all clergy, under appointment, serving in the Indiana Conference as; Associate Members, Deacons, Diaconal Members, Elders, Local Pastors (full and part-time), and Provisional Members.
2. The completed application must be submitted **four (4) weeks PRIOR** to the beginning of the program/event (and within the same year of the event).
Applications received after the event, or incomplete application will not be considered.
3. Total grant amounts shall not exceed, and will be awarded, as follows for appointed clergypersons (*depending upon the availability of funds*):
Full-Time Clergy: \$500 per calendar year
Part-Time Clergy: \$250 per calendar year
4. Grants will be made for experiences designed to enhance the clergypersons' continued fruitfulness in ministry.
5. When it appears that application requests for the Clergy Continuing Formation Grant exceed available funds, the Director of Leadership Development, in consultation with the Indiana Board of Ordained Ministry reserves the right to deny or prioritize the grants.

The Clergy Continuing Formation Grant is made possible by the continued faithful giving of local congregations within the state of Indiana to the Conference Tithes, which supports the United Methodist Church's Ministerial Education Fund.



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1. Name: _____

2. Street Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Phone, incl Area Code: _____ email: _____

4. Present Appointment: _____

5. Your conference status and the date on which it was conferred:

Conference Status		Date of Conference Status?
Associate Member	Full-Time	_____
Deacon	3/4 Time	
Elder	Part-Time	
Local Pastor	1/4 Time	
Provisional Member		

6. Please provide information regarding the event/program for which you are applying:

Name of the Event/Program: _____

Date (s) for the Event / Program: _____

Website/Registration Information: _____

10. Cost of Event/Program: a) Tuition \$ _____

b) Meals \$ _____

c) Room \$ _____

d) Travel \$ _____

e) TOTAL \$ _____

11. Amount requested: \$ _____

By signing below, I agree that the Clergy Continuing Formation Grant will be used for the intended purpose stated in this application; should I choose not to attend the event/program, or the event/program is cancelled, I will reimburse all unused funds for the event back to the Indiana Conference.

Signature _____ Date _____

Examples of Methods of Implementing a Continuing Education Program:

1. Seminars, workshops, or other forms of leadership development events/programs;
2. Supervised activities, such as degree programs, credit courses, clinical training, etc.;
3. Approved Study Leaves (one month during one year of each quadrennium);
4. Spiritual retreats that contain dedicated time for focused reflection and renewal;
5. Carefully chose travel and vocational experiences, including immersion trips that will enhance clergy fruitfulness;
6. Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth retreats or events.

Please check the "Areas of Fruitfulness" this event/program will help enhance: (check all that apply)

Discovering Discipleship Fruitfulness

Spiritual Health Emotional/

Mental Health

Professional Health

Physical Health

Relational Health

Developing Congregational Fruitfulness

Pastoral Care

Preaching, Teaching, Worship
Leadership

Management Self and Others

Connectional Leadership

Equipping Leadership

Innovative Leadership

Deploying Missional Fruitfulness

Mission-Field Awareness and Action

Strategic Developer

Collaborative Connector

Social Witness

Cultural Competence

PLAN FOR THE CLERGY CONTINUING GRANT

(Please answer the following questions, as part of the application completion)

What are your Continuing Education/Spiritual Formation goals for this year?

How will attending this event/program accomplish your goals for this year?

How will attending this event/program help the Indiana Conference accomplish the mission *of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?*