



# United Methodist Churches of Indiana

## CLERGY CONTINUING FORMATION GRANT APPLICATION\*

### Guidelines and Instructions

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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."

All grant awards are dependent on availability of funds. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received. **Completed forms should be forwarded to Luska Natali, Administrator of Ministerial Services at [ministerialservices@inumc.org](mailto:ministerialservices@inumc.org).**

1. Grants are available to all clergy, under appointment, serving in the Indiana Conference. This includes active Associate Members, Deacons, Elders, Local Pastors (full and part-time), and Provisional Members. MEF grants cannot be awarded to retirees.\*\*
2. The completed application must be submitted four (4) weeks PRIOR to the beginning of the program/event. Applications received after the event cannot be considered. Incomplete or overly vague applications will be returned for additional information.
3. Amount of available award is based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Maximum allowable awards are:
  - Full-Time Clergy: \$750 per calendar year
  - Part-Time Clergy: \$325 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.

\*This form is for events and education such as laid out under examples of continuing education programs on page 3 of this application. Please use Clergy Continuing Formation Grant Application for Personal Spiritual Retreat form for self-guided development requests.

\*\*Retirees looking for support for continuing education or spiritual development please contact our Director of Conference Ministries at [Shannon.Stringer@inumc.org](mailto:Shannon.Stringer@inumc.org).

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 Code \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone (Incl. area code) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Present Appointment \_\_\_\_\_
5. Conference Status      Date of Status \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member              \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deacon                              \_\_\_\_\_ Part-Time  
\_\_\_\_\_ Elder  
\_\_\_\_\_ Local Pastor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Provisional
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 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Cost of the Event/Program              Tuition \_\_\_\_\_  
Meals \_\_\_\_\_  
Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Travel \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_
8. Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

## 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?