



United Methodist Churches of Indiana

CLERGY CONTINUING FORMATION GRANT APPLICATION* Personal Spiritual Retreats and Self-Guided Study 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."*

All grant awards are dependent on availability of funds. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received.

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 retreat/study. 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 Conference Ministries, in consultation with the Indiana Board of Ordained Ministry reserves the right to deny or prioritize the grants.

***This form personal spiritual retreats and self-guided study. If you are requesting MEF for an event, program or coaching, please use the form for events and programs.**

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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Personal Spiritual Retreats and Self-Guided study

1. Name _____
2. Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
3. Phone (Incl. area code) _____ Email _____
4. Present Appointment _____
5. Conference Status _____ Date of Conference Status _____
____ Associate Member ____ Full Time
____ Deacon ____ Part Time
____ Elder
____ Local Pastor
____ Provisional Member
6. Please provide information regarding the event/program for which you are applying
Date(s) for Retreat/Study _____
7. Cost of Retreat/Study _____
Registration _____
Meals _____
Lodging _____
Travel _____
Supplies _____
Total _____
8. 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 engage in this retreat/study, I will reimburse all unused funds for the event back to the Indiana Conference.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please check the “Areas of Fruitfulness” this retreat/study will help enhance: (check all that apply)

Discovering Discipleship Fruitfulness

_____ Spiritual Health Emotional

_____ Mental Health

_____ Professional Health

_____ Physical Health

_____ Relational Health

Discovering 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

Personal Spiritual Retreats and Self-Guided Study

(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 retreat/study time help you 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?*

What is your accountability mechanism for processing your time spent in retreat/study?