Grants for Continuing Education
And Bi-Vocational Ministry and Licensed Ministry Training

Through the Richard and Helen Brown Endowment Fund

Support for persons preparing for licensed ministry, and on-going nurture of persons authorized for ministry in the United Church of Christ are undertaken in many setting of the church in an effort to equip and strengthen leadership for and in the United Church of Christ.

Grants, made possible through the Helen and Richard Brown Endowment Fund, provide opportunities for persons ordained, licensed and commissioned, to participate in training and continuing education experiences that enhance skills and increase ability to do effective ministry.

**Continuing Education Grants are available for:**

- Seminars, workshops, re-fresher courses, skills training for individuals
- Association/Conference group sponsored continuing education events
- Continuing education components of a sabbatical leave

**Grants for Bi-vocational ministry and Licensed Ministry training are available to:**

- Aid persons for training in bi-vocational or licensed ministry
- Provide continuing education experiences to strengthen licensed or bi-vocational ministers
- Provide seed money to Associations/Conferences to establish and implement model/pilot training programs for bi-vocational or licensed ministers
- Provide seed money to evaluate present models of training

Associations and/or Conferences applying for a Group Continuing Education grant and/or Bi-vocational and Licensed Ministry training grant should submit a proposal with the following information included:

- Statement of issue to be addressed
- Goal to be achieved
- Target audience (Please note that these grants are limited to authorized persons including ordained, licensed and commissioned)
- Budgetary needs (complete budget for program/event)
- Other financial resources available
- Brown amount requested
- Anticipated dates of event
• Leadership for the event
• Expected date of a detailed evaluation report (a copy to be submitted to committee)

Group continuing education and bi-vocational ministry and licensed ministry awards are based on need. Current maximum award amounts are $7,500.

Proposals for Individual Continuing Education grants must be submitted through the Association and/or Conference minister on behalf of the authorized minister making the request and should include the following information:

• Description and date of continuing education experience
• Brief Statement on how particular event, will strengthen the participant’s ministry and provide an overall benefit to the Association/Conference
• Cost/budget of event
• Amount requested from Brown Fund
• Contribution provided by Conference/Association/individual
• Expected date of a detailed evaluation report (a copy to be submitted to committee)

Persons authorized for ministry in the United Church of Christ include ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministers serving in a variety of settings including local church, middle judicatory and national.

Grants for individual continuing education experiences are determined on a needs basis. The current maximum Individual award is $2,000 for continuing education experiences and for continuing education components of a sabbatical leave.

Grants are awarded in April, July and November of each year.

Please direct inquiries and submit proposals to:
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