

Continuing Education Scholarships

for Authorized Ministers of the Wisconsin Conference UCC

Introduction

All Authorized Ministers of the Wisconsin Conference UCC are encouraged to engage in regular Continuing Education for the purpose of spiritual growth, rest and renewal, and the chance to further develop biblical, theological, and pastoral skillsets. Local congregations and chaplaincy organizations are encouraged to provide continuing education funding, as they are also enriched by this experience.

There are many opportunities for Continuing Education: seminars, retreats, conferences, colloquies, online courses, etc. There are also longer programs, such as advanced degrees and Sabbatical leave, which qualify for larger one-time grants.

This Continuing Education scholarship program provides a matching (50%) grant up to a maximum of \$500 per year for all authorized ministers. For example, if a program costs \$800, the Conference would fund \$400, with the anticipation that the local congregation or chaplaincy agency would fund the other half. In some cases, when travel is more extensive, additional costs may be incurred by the minister. If you are serving in a setting that does not provide continued education funding, please note that on your application for consideration of a grant amount of up to \$750.

General Guidelines

- Application forms for financial aid are available on the Wisconsin Conference website under “Generosity” (go to “Grants” then “Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Grant”).
- All applicants should submit the application form by email to the conference minister: frigert@wcucc.org.
- Authorized Ministers may apply every year for up to \$500 in a matching continuing education scholarship grant.
- Authorized Ministers can apply for up to \$1,000 in a matching scholarship grant for sabbatical leave or advanced degree studies (one grant per program duration).
- Scholarship grants are generally payable to the program, institution, or local church.
- Upon completion of the program, recipients are asked to provide a brief description of key learnings for the purpose of sharing the value of clergy continuing education. Please provide a short paragraph reflecting your learnings to Mary Gross: mgross@wcucc.org.

Continuing Education Grant Application

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Application Date _____ My employer provides continuing education funds? YES ____ No ____

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

Name of Church _____ Location _____

Cost of Program

Fees \$ _____
Travel \$ _____
Room & Board \$ _____
Other _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Funding Plan

Church (continuing ed.) \$ _____
Other sponsorship \$ _____
Minister \$ _____
Total Grant Request: \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Program, institution, or local church to whom check should be issued:

Name _____

Address _____

Continuing Education Program Dates _____

Brief explanation of the Program _____

Signatures: _____

Pastor

Conference Minister

Please return this application to the conference minister: frigert@wcucc.org or mail it to Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference UCC, W1000 Spring Grove Road, Ripon WI 54971.