

FORWARD IN FAITH
Wisconsin Conference, United Church of Christ

Grants in the Encouragement and Support of Pastoral Ministry
In Small Churches, Urban, Rural, and Small-Town Settings

APPLICATION

This grant is for the purpose of assisting pastors who qualify by guidelines established by the Commission on Church and Ministry, to repay seminary loans. Grants are based on need and may be renewed annually for up to five years. The amount of the grant will depend on need and available funds. All applications will be received and reviewed by the regional Associate Conference Minister of the association where the pastor has standing and is serving. Upon the recommendation of the Associate Conference Minister, the grant will be approved by the Commission on Church and Ministry and presented to the Board of Directors (confidentially) for the release of funds.

I. Return this form and your statement to Mary K. Gross, Grant and Scholarship Coordinator, Wisconsin Conference UCC, mgross@wcucc.org by November 6, 2023.

1. What is your annual salary and housing (30% if parsonage)? _____
2. What is the amount of any additional income you personally have? _____
(include dividend, interest, other investment income, additional job, etc.)
3. If you have a spouse or partner, what is your total household income? _____
4. Please list the number of dependents in your household _____
(not including yourself)
5. Estimate any extraordinary financial responsibilities or obligations not _____
including educational loans
6. What is the total amount of your seminary debt and/or expense _____
Indebtedness accrued in your preparation for ministry?
7. What is your total monthly payment for seminary debt? _____

I certify that the above information is true, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

*Please note: Only the regional Associate Conference Minister will review your financial data.

II. In addition: Please provide a one-page statement describing your sense of call to your current ministry, with special emphasis on your gifts for this ministry and your vision for the smaller membership congregation or rural or urban ministry setting. (Use the back or an additional sheet.)

(Associate Conference Minister Use only)

Level of need: _____

Associate Conference Minister Signature: _____

Recommended level of grant: _____

Date: _____