

COMMITMENT

LMC Leadership Development Program is committed to growing leaders for healthy congregations. The Leadership Education Grant helps leaders who want to be life-long learners.



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Leadership Development

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LEADERSHIP EDUCATION GRANT

PURPOSE

To provide grant money to support credentialed and emerging leaders in the Conference with tuition costs and/or educational materials for leadership education and training. Courses of study may be:

- STEP (Study & Training for Effective Pastoral ministry)
- LMC programs and seminars
- Clinical Pastoral Education
- Seminary Programs
- Distance Learning
- Gateway Courses
- Other seminars/workshops for pastors or church leaders

GRANT CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a grant:

- ◇ Leader or emerging leader of an LMC congregation
- ◇ Written recommendation from a pastor, bishop/ overseer, mentor, or other congregational leader including information about how your congregation will support you in this endeavor.

Preference will be given when reviewing applications for:

- ◇ Congregational commitment to support a part of the leader's educational cost
- ◇ LMC connected or associated educational resources

APPLICATION PROCESS

- ◇ Obtain the Leadership Education Grant (LEG) application at <https://lmcchurches.org/resources/downloadable-resources/> and select Finances and Grants.
- ◇ Complete all parts of the application, including the appropriate essay on the back of the application form.
- ◇ Submit applications to the Conference office by January 31 or July 31.
- ◇ Applications will be reviewed and grants awarded by the LMC Granting Committee two times per year. The Committee will look at the following:
 - available funds and number of applicants
 - congregational assistance
 - course supporting Anabaptist Theology
 - applicability to ministry in LMC
 - demonstrated need
 - references and recommendations
- ◇ Since requests typically exceed available funds the LMC Grant Committee will be fair and impartial.
- ◇ Notification to the applicant will be given by email to advise of award or non-award of a grant.
- ◇ Grant money will be sent to the institution/agency on behalf of the recipient prior to the start of a course or spring/fall semester by LMC.
- ◇ Grant money may only be used for the purpose requested. If plans change after funds are distributed, the grant must be returned to LMC.

EXPECTATIONS OF RECIPIENTS

- ◇ Acknowledge LEG funding in the local congregation, verbally or in a bulletin announcement
- ◇ Report grade of previous class on next application

GIFTS TO THE FUND

Individuals or congregations may contribute directly to the Leadership Endowment Fund. Donations to the fund should be sent to the attention of LEG at LMC, 2160 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster, PA 17602.