

WHAT IS THE LMC ENDOWMENT FUND?

The LMC Endowment Fund receives and administers long-term gifts to LMC. It provides a vehicle for gifts above and beyond budgeted giving to be invested and use to further the ongoing mission of LMC.

LMC GRANTS COMMITTEE



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LMC Endowment Fund Grants

- Education Grants
- Ministry Grants
- Pastoral Health and Wellness Grants









GRANT CRITERIA

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

- 1. Applicant must be a member, leader, or emerging leader of an LMC congregation.
- 2. Applicant must supply two written recommendations (with the exception of STEP students, they do not need to provide recommendations):
 - a. from a pastor or bishop/overseer
 - b. from the congregational board chair, elder team or other appropriate governing body
- 3. Applicant must complete the appropriate grant application (**Imcchurches.org/Imc-grants/**)
- 4. Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate congregational or organizational commitment to the project, which should include financial commitment.

More details available at Imcchurches.org/Imc-grants/

AVAILABLE GRANTS

There are three general categories of funds available to support capacity-building functions within LMC:

Education Grants

For leadership enrichment, education, and development opportunities. (Applications due January 15)

For leadership enrichment and education, women's education, urban education, STEP Study Award and development opportunities. *(Applications due July 15)*

Ministry Grants

For discipleship, church multiplication resourcing, missional projects (mobilization), and intercultural competency. (Applications due May 15)

Pastoral Health and Wellness Grants

For counseling, marriage and family enrichment for LMC congregations and credentialed leaders. (Applications due May 15)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. Access the grant application at **Imcchurches.org/Imc-grants/**.
- 2. Complete all applicable parts of the application, including the appropriate essay. Make sure your reference letters are forwarded to the LMC office to mhoover@Imcchurches.org. Incomplete or past due applications will not be processed.
- 3. Applications are due online by: January 15 for Spring education grants; May 15 for Ministry grants and Pastoral Health & Wellness grants; July 15 for Fall education grants.
- 4. Applications will be reviewed, and grants awarded, by the LMC Grants Committee. The Committee will look at the following:
 - available funds and number of applicants
 - congregational assistance
 - courses supporting Anabaptist Theology
 - applicability to ministry in LMC
 - references and recommendations
- 5. Since requests typically exceed available funds the LMC Grants Committee will be fair and impartial. The Grants Committee will use all grant monies available from the Leadership Education Grant, Women's Education Grant, Urban Education Grant, STEP Study Award and Endowment Funds. The Committee will apply these funds to the requests that fit the guidelines.
- 6. Notification of award or non-award of a grant will be given by email.
- Grant money will be sent to the institution/ agency on behalf of the recipient. Awards will not be sent to the applicant directly.
- 8. Grant money may only be used for the purpose requested. If plans change after funds are distributed, the grant must be returned to LMC.

Support to the Fund

Individuals or congregations may contribute directly to the LMC Endowment Fund. Donations to the fund should be sent to LMC, PO Box 1635, Lancaster PA 17608.

If you want your gift to go to a specific grant, clearly note which fund should receive the gift.