

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

**Through the  
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submit proposals to:**

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Support for persons preparing for licensed ministry, and on-going nurture of persons authorized for ministry are undertaken in

many settings to equip and strengthen leadership for 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 and 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 in training for bi-vocational or licensed ministry
- Provide continuing education experiences to strengthen licensed or bi-vocational ministers
- Provide seed money to Associations and 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 Conferences applying for Group Continuing Education and/or Bi-Vocational and Licensed ministry training events should submit a proposal with the following information:*

- Statement of issue(s) to be addressed
- Goal(s) to be achieved
- Target audience (Please note that these grants are limited to authorized ministers including ordained, licensed and commissioned)
- Budgetary needs (complete budget for program/event)
- Other financial resources available
- Brown amount requested
- Anticipated date(s) of the 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.*

### *Proposal for Individual Continuing Education grants must be submitted through the Association or Conference minister on behalf of the authorized minister making the request. It 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
- Complete budget/cost for 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 for continuing education is \$2,000 (including a continuing education sabbatical component).*

