

## commitment

Lancaster Mennonite Conference's Leadership Development Program is committed to growing leaders for healthy congregations. The Leadership Education Grant helps leaders who want to be life-long learners.



## Leadership education grant

*Growing leaders for healthy  
congregations*

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**Leadership Development  
Lancaster Mennonite Conference**





# Purpose of Fund

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:

- Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry (STEP)
- Leadership Development 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 a Lancaster Conference church
- ◇ Written recommendation from a pastor, bishop/ overseer, mentor, or other congregational leader with information about how your congregation will support you in this endeavor.

**Priority will be given when reviewing applications for:**

- ◇ A leader or emerging leader who is currently working with a growth plan with Leadership Development.
- ◇ Congregational financial commitment to support a part of the leader's educational cost

## Selection process

- ◇ Application forms are available from Leadership Development
- ◇ Submit applications to the Conference office by January 31, May 31, or September 30.
- Applications will be reviewed and grants awarded by the Leadership Education Grant Committee three times per year. Since there may be more requests for funds than are available for distribution from the Fund's interest and earnings, sincere effort will be made to be fair and impartial in awarding the grant. The Committee will look at:
  - availability of funds
  - number of applicants
  - congregational assistance
  - demonstrated need
  - references and recommendations
  - course of study
- ◇ Notification will be given by letter to the applicant by the Leadership Education Grant Committee to advise of award or non-award of grant
- ◇ Grant money will be sent to the institution/ agency/conference office on behalf of the recipient prior to the start of a course or spring/fall semester by Lancaster Conference.
- ◇ Grant money must be used for the purpose indicated in the application. If plans change after funds are distributed, the grant is to be returned to the Conference.

## GIFTS to the Leadership Endowment Fund

Individuals or congregations may contribute directly to the Leadership Endowment Fund. Any direct gifts to the fund should be sent to the Lancaster Mennonite Conference office at the address below, or to Mennonite Foundation, P. O. Box 483, Goshen, IN 46527 and designated as "LMC-Pastoral Training Fund".

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