

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR DESIGNATED FUNDS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY CHURCHES



PROGRAM FUNDS

THE MINISTERIAL EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (MET) FUND

...provides skill-upgrading and continuing education for clergy, leadership training for laity, confidential counseling for clergy and their spouses on personal, professional, and parish problems. Relatedly, MET-NET provides a supportive network and other services for clergy and spouses, couples, widows and widowers.

Application by letter of request sent to the Council Office stating content, cost, and date of Continuing Education or training event for which the applicant want support. Decisions made by leadership of the Ministerium in consultation with the Executive Director. Requests for confidential counseling may be made directly to the Executive Director.

THE JOE V. HOTCHKISS NEW CHURCH AND CHURCH RENEWAL (NCCR) FUND

...provides research on, training of personnel for, and loans for the development of new Community Churches and ministries or efforts at renewal in existing congregations. This is a national program of the Samaritans and its primary concern is church growth.

Application available in the Council office.

THE ROBERT H. TAYLOR ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATION FUND

...assists with expenses for some representatives of our Council in the work of the wider Christian unity organizations with which our Council is affiliated, such as NCC and WCC. In 1995 the fund was named for the late ecumenical pioneer and Council leader Robert H. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus of Howland Community Church whose vision led the Council into NCC, WCC and COCU memberships.

Administered by the executive director.

THE ROLAND R. OST MEMORIAL FUND FOR ECUMENICAL REPRESENTATION

...supports the participation and representation of lay members of the ICCC in ecumenical arenas such as Churches Uniting in Christ (formerly COCU) and the National Council of Churches (NCC). The fund is a memorial to the late Roland Ost, past pastor of Wilson Memorial Union Church in Watchung, NJ who strongly believed in the Council's mission of Christian unity.

Administered by the executive director.

RALPH AND VIRGINIA SHOTWELL FUND FOR EFFECTIVE SPEECH

...Established and thus far funded by the Shotwells. Assists clergy and others in developing skills in communication, with emphasis upon expressing the principles fostered by the Community Church Movement.

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SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Application is initiated by letter of request sent to the Executive Director. Decisions made by the Clergy Relations Commission in consultation with the ED.

YOUTH FUND

...contributions to this fund will provide administrative and programmatic support for the Youth Program of the ICCC for Annual Conference.

Monies from this fund are used to support the Annual Conference Youth Program, there is no application process for other uses.

AWARD PROGRAMS

THE MCCRACKEN-BASCOM FUND

...awarded for long-time witness to the cause of social justice in the local, national, or world arenas, created to honor the prophetic ministries of the Rev. Maurice McCrackin and Dr. Marion C. Bascom. Award recommended by a Commission and voted by the Board of Trustees.

Consideration is initiated upon nomination, by letter, citing the witness and accomplishments of the person nominated. Nominations may be made by an individual with the endorsement of a pastor or church board; or nominations may be made by the governing board of a congregation. Decisions will be made by the Faith, Justice, and Mission Commission.

THE BURKHART-EVANS FUND

...awarded for long-time service and significant contributions to Christian unity in the parish or beyond, created to honor Dr. Joseph Evans and Dr. Roy Burkhart. Award recommended by a Commission and voted by the Board of Trustees.

Consideration is initiated upon nomination, by letter, citing the witness and accomplishments of the person nominated. Nominations may be made by an individual with the endorsement of a pastor or church board; or nominations may be made by the governing board of a congregation. Decisions will be made by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Commission.

LLOYD GRAHAM WRITING PRIZE

...awarded in memory of Lloyd Graham, a founder of the Orchard Park Community Church given to recognize a youth who writes with clarity and insight about concerns of young Christians. The Laity Commission administers the award.

Essays are submitted to the Council Office in response to annual announcement of the Prize. Decisions are made by the Laity and Church Relations Commission.

THE JORDAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

...awards grants to members of Community Churches engaged in formal higher education. It is named in honor of the Council's first treasurer and the first Layperson to serve as president, Ralph W. Jordan, and his wife, Helen, a president of the Woman's Christian Fellowship and a founder of the Fund, which is administered by a Committee with representatives thereon from WCF and the Council-at-large.

Application available in the Council office.

ROBERT F. THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

... awards needs based grants to members of Community Churches engaged in formal theological study, created to honor Robert Thomas, a man who believed in and supported projects to encourage ministers who were called to further prepare themselves with a seminary education. Fund is administered by a committee.

Application available in the Council office.

Decisions are made by the RFT Fund committee or in its absence, the Clergy Relations Commission in consultation with the Executive Director.