Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Fund

Purpose of the Fund
The Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Fund is to provide assistance to ordained, commissioned, and licensed ministers with standing in one of the Associations of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, to help defray costs for continuing education programs.

Application Procedure
Authorized ministers shall make application for grants from this fund to the Conference Minister at the address below. A complete letter of application will include the information in items 1-5 below and should be received at least thirty (30) days before the continuing education program/event. The Clergy Support Ministry of the New Hampshire Conference is responsible for the administration of this fund.

1. Dates of the continuing education program/event;
2. Goals in participating in this program/event;
3. Itemized statement of the costs to be incurred in participating;
4. Report of funding already available through personal / other organizational or church funds;
5. Amount requested from the Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Fund.

Conditions for Awarding the Grant
- Each authorized minister shall be responsible for at least one/third (1/3) of the costs of said continuing education program/event;
- The Clergy Support Ministry encourages the local setting where the authorized minister is serving to contribute one-third (1/3) of the costs associated with this continuing education program/event;
- The maximum grant awarded may not exceed $500.00;
- An authorized minister shall receive no more than one grant from the Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Fund in a three-year period;
- Continuing education programs/events include, but are not limited to: programs offered by seminaries, divinity schools, theological schools, institutes or colleges and universities or agencies of the United Church of Christ.

Report to Fund
Those who receive Authorized Ministers Continuing Education Fund grants are obligated to submit a written report to the Conference Minister within three (3) months following the program/event. It is understood that the recipient may be asked for permission to share this report more broadly through various communication vehicles of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ.

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