

United Church of Christ

*Parish Life and
Leadership*

**Grants for
Personal and
Vocational Crisis**

**through the
Make A Difference!
Caring for Clergy
Funds**

**Please make all
inquiries and requests
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Grants for Personal and Vocational Crisis through the Make A Difference! Caring for Clergy Funds

Support for persons authorized for ministry in the United Church of Christ (ordained, licensed and commissioned) and who are experiencing crisis in their vocational and/or personal lives is available through funds from the Make A Difference campaign.

Personal and Vocational Crisis Grants are available for:

- Immediate intervention on behalf of the individual separating from place of ministry;
- Early intervention and referral assessment when such is the need addressed;
- Situations where initial candidate/psychological assessment screening raises issues requiring further psychological evaluation of in-care students/members in discernment.

- Assistance to enable counseling/psychological assessment as part of a fitness review growth plan—**for ordained licensed, commissioned and in-care students/members in discernment.**
 - The Conference/Association must provide some assurance that it intends to restore and reconcile person to ministry upon completion of process;
 - Funds serve to augment contributions from other sources (i.e., Association, Conference and/or individual).

Procedures for Requesting/Receiving Funds:

- Conference/Association staff makes request to Parish Life and Leadership Team on behalf of authorized person;
- Request is received in writing or via email;
- Correspondence is to include—
 - description of the situation;
 - amount requested;

- intended purpose of funds;
- source(s) of additional funding;
- confirmation that recipient is authorized by the Association (note, identity of person is not necessary)
- Payment is made to the Conference or Association making the request to assure Anonymity;
- Conference/Association is to make the source of the funds known to the Recipient;
- Conference/Association is to follow-up in regards to the intended use of the Funds.

Stipulation for funding requests:

- Funds are not a means for long term support;
- Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis;
- Funds are not intended to duplicate Ministerial Assistance Fund functions (please contact Office of Ministerial Assistance for information about the Ministerial Assistance Fund).