



a program of the Missouri United Methodist Foundation

Clergy Well-Being Grant Application

Clergy & Church Financial Ministry (C2FM) Well-Being Grants are aimed at addressing a variety of economic challenges pastors may encounter from time to time, including challenges that may have emerged because of the pandemic. Past recipients of C2FM direct aid/coaching are eligible to re-apply for assistance.

I. Personal Information

Name: _____ Spouse Name (if married): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Children Name/s and Age/s: _____

Are you purchasing your home, renting, or living in a parsonage? _____

II. Clergy Status

Are you serving under appointment of the Missouri Annual Conference? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, in what capacity?

Elder: _____ Deacon: _____ Licensed local pastor: _____ Other (specify): _____

Name of church/churches: _____

Length of current appointment: _____

District: _____

If not serving under an appointment through the Missouri Annual Conference, please describe your current status:

III. Well-Being Grant Application Narrative

C2FM has distributed more than \$500,000 in Clergy Well-Being Grants to over 100 pastors since beginning our acceptance of applications in 2016. Your application is an act of trust that we take seriously. In this spirit, your application will receive careful and confidential review by the C2FM Application Review Committee (ARC). **Please review the supplemental/attached "Next Steps" information before completing this section.**

- a. Please use the space below to provide a brief narrative description of your financial need/grant request and, if applicable, how this need may be related to the impact of the pandemic on you, your family, and/or your extended family. *(You may attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

b. Please use the space below to provide a brief narrative description of the extent to which you, your family, and/or your church have been impacted economically by the pandemic. *(You may attach additional sheets if necessary.)*

IV. Commitment

By signing and submitting this completed application, you hereby agree and commit to the following as conditions for receiving grant funding:

- You (and your spouse, if married) will meet (typically by phone or video conference call) with the C2FM Director to review your initial application and determine together next steps toward development of a personal financial management plan.
- You (and your spouse, if married) will be assigned a C2FM Financial Well-Being Coach who will meet with you on a periodic basis. This coaching relationship is expected to continue for 24 months. (see Next Steps attached)
- Participate in the *Wespath Personal Investment Plan (UMPIP)*.
- Commit to financial ministry within your congregational setting. Examples of this include offering adult financial well-being programs (such as Saving Grace) to church members and the community, teen financial classes/bible study, youth classes/bible study on managing money, and outreach to targeted audiences such as prisoners, low-income individuals, single mothers, seniors, or other audiences appropriate for your church’s location.

V. Authorization

By signing and submitting this application, you certify that all information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge, and you acknowledge that the availability of C2FM services and financial assistance is subject to the discretion of the C2FM Director in keeping with C2FM policies and purposes, the availability of funds, and the varying capacities of the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed applications may be emailed to mstruckhoff@mumf.org; or mail the original signed copy of this application and accompanying materials to:

**Rev. Mark Struckhoff, C2FM Director
Missouri United Methodist Foundation,
P.O Box 1076, Columbia, MO 65205-1076**

Your Clergy Well-Being Grant Application – Next Steps

Once your application is received by C2FM, you will be contacted by the C2FM Director, Rev. Mark Struckhoff, by phone to review your application and determine together next steps toward completing your application. In anticipation of this meeting/conversation, please review the following information about Clergy Well-Being Grants, C2FM Coaching, and the C2FM Privacy Policy.

I. Description of Clergy Well-Being Grants Available

Your application will be reviewed by C2FM Application Review Committee (ARC). ARC members are volunteers with extensive experience in relevant fields (e.g., finance, law, ministry, accountancy, organizational management) who are dedicated to the mission of C2FM and the well-being of United Methodist clergy and churches in Missouri. The ARC will review your application along with supplemental financial information you provide in coordination with the C2FM Director. Based on your application, the ARC shall strive to discern an amount and type of financial assistance that will be of strategic benefit to you as you work to achieve greater financial stability and well-being with the help of your C2FM Coach. Clergy Well-Being Grant types and amounts vary; grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 or more, based on need and funds available. Grants awarded will typically address a financial challenge or key priority identified in your application/plan. Examples of Clergy Well-Being Grants include:

- Student Loan debt/Consumer debt relief
- Assistance with moving expenses
- Household/Health emergencies
- Assistance to Recover Pandemic Related Lost or Voluntarily Reduced Household Income
- Restoring Pandemic Related Depletion of Savings
- Replenishing HSA Account Losses Related to COVID-19 or other Pandemic Healthcare Costs
- Replacement of Funds Borrowed from Retirement Accounts to Address Pandemic Related Expenses
- Elimination or Reduction of Consumer Debt Incurred in Support of Family or Extended Family Impacted by the Pandemic
- Grants in Support of Pastoral Renewal Leave, Family Vacation: Grant funding is available for short renewal experiences for pastors/families (a week or long weekend). Grant funding is available to cover expenses related to pulpit supply while the pastor is away.
- Grants in Support of Vocational Educational Opportunities: Such opportunities include training that enhances ministry skills and offers greater options for bi-vocational employment.
- Grants in Support of Educational Enrichment Programs for Children: Such opportunities include programs for the children of clergy impacted by the pandemic that supplement/assist in the recovery of developmental progress that may have been lost because of the pandemic.
- Seminary/Clergy Scholarships: In addition to multiple scholarship opportunities available through MUMF and the Missouri Conference, new Seminary Scholarships will soon be available to provide funding for ministry candidates emerging from our Historically Black and Predominantly African American congregations, as well as other under-represented congregations. For information about scholarship assistance and to access applications, please visit the Missouri United Methodist Foundation website:
<https://mumf.org/students/seminary-scholarships/>

II. Confidential Financial Coaching

By accepting assistance, you are agreeing to have a C2FM Financial Coach assigned to you, and to begin meeting with your Financial Coach within two weeks of the assignment. Prior to being assigned a C2FM Financial Coach, applicants are required to provide personal/household financial information (separate from this application) which will be requested by C2FM. A C2FM Financial Coach will use the financial information provided and work with applicants to outline a basic financial plan and identify/prioritize financial needs and opportunities. There is no cost to work with a C2FM Financial Coach, but both you and your spouse, if married, are expected to meet with him/her at least 4 times within the first 12

months (starting with your first meeting) and continue the coaching relationship for a total of 24 months. You may meet, call, or correspond with your coach as needed, but we encourage at least quarterly contact.

III. C2FM Privacy Policy

In the course of reviewing applications and supplying grants and services, members of the C2FM Application Review Committee will see nonpublic information about you. This information is necessary to fulfill C2FM responsibilities and will be treated as confidential. Your involvement in this program is confidential and will not be shared by C2FM personnel with anyone employed by the Missouri United Methodist Conference or shared with anyone outside those persons involved in providing C2FM services and assistance. Storage of information collected will be protected through a combination of procedural, physical, and technological safeguards designed to protect confidentiality. Nonpublic personal information about you is disclosed to other persons or entities only as necessary and as required by law.