

**Please make all  
inquiries and requests  
to:**

**Minister for Grants and  
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Personal and  
Vocational Crisis**

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



## 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:***

- Counseling to address crisis situations in ministry.
- Immediate intervention on behalf of the individual separating from place of ministry;
- Early intervention and referral assessment ;
- Situations where initial candidate psychological assessment screening raises issues requiring additional psychological testing for and evaluation of members in discernment.

- Assistance to enable counseling/psychological assessment as part of a fitness review growth plan for authorized ministers (ordained, licensed, and commissioned) and members in discernment.
  - The Conference/Association must provide some assurance that it intends to restore and reconcile persons 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 staff makes request to the Minister for Grants and Scholarships, on behalf of the authorized minister.
- Requests are received in writing or via email;
- Correspondence is to include—
  - description of the situation;
  - amount requested;
  - intended use 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 to insure 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).