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SOURCES OF FUNDING

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These funds are available only to ministries originating within the geographical boundary of the Susquehanna Annual Conference

As churches develop outreach programs to meet needs in their local communities and look for more ways to be in ministry, church leaders also look for additional ways to fund these programs.

A limited number of grants, loans and scholarships are available through Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church.

The following list includes general descriptions and contact information for each fund.

GRANTS

HEALTH-RELATED MINISTRIES GRANTS

from the Conference budget through Shares of Ministry; administered by the Mission and Outreach Team

Health-Related Ministries Grants are available to congregations, networks, and other Conference related agencies (not benevolent homes) to support existing and new health ministry's projects. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be considered for programs related to spiritual, physical, emotional and psychological health and wholeness. Deadline September 1.

- For information on [grant policy](#) and an [application](#), contact:
Lisa Bender
Susquehanna Conference
303 Mulberry Drive
Mechanicsburg PA 17050-3179
Toll free: 1-800-874-8474
(717) 766-7441; Fax: (717) 766-5976
Email: lbender@susumc.org

PARISH DEVELOPMENT SOCIAL MINISTRIES and MULTICULTURAL/URBAN GRANTS

from the Conference budget through Shares of Ministry; administered by Parish Development Committee through the Conference Missional Board.

- Parish Development or Social Ministries - Provide grants for one-time start-up ministry funds as well as ministry funds distributed over a three-year period.
- Multicultural/Urban - Provide funding over a five-year period for congregational or community ministries in multicultural/urban target area
- For information and, contact:
Rev. Robert Strozyk
PO Box 470
Millville, PA 17846-0470
Phone: (570) 458-4349
Email: rstrozyk@susumc.org
[Online Application](#)

PEACE WITH JUSTICE GRANTS

from Peace with Justice Offerings – 50% of our conference Peace with Justice Offering stays in our conference; administered by Conference Mission and Outreach Team through the Peace with Justice Coordinator

- Peace with Justice Grants are available to projects of mission which clearly have a Peace with Justice emphasis; priority given to seed money for new projects; funding can be requested up to \$1,000
- For information and an [application](#), contact:
Pastor Michelle Bodle, Peace with Justice Coordinator
910 E Pine St
Philipsburg PA 16866
Phone: (814) 342-3060 (church)
Email: mbodle@susumc.org

PRISON MINISTRY GRANTS

from Prison Ministry Advance Funds; administered by the Mission and Outreach Team

- Funding is provided for churches and groups who are initiating criminal justice ministries; to cutting edge ministries to youth and children who are in detention centers, are victims of crime, or are in the families of prisoners; for restorative justice and advocacy ministries, after care and chaplaincy; ministry that addresses the death penalty, as well as state, national and international justice.
- For information and [applications](#), contact:
Rev. Mark Reisinger
42 S 3rd St
Lewisburg PA 17837
Phone: (570) 524-0809
Email: mreisinger@susumc.org

WORLD HUNGER GRANTS

from Conference World Hunger Offering; administered by World Hunger Task Force of the Conference Missional Board

- World Hunger grants are given to food banks, soup kitchens, and other food related ministries within the bounds of Susquehanna Conference
- For information and an [application](#), contact:
Flo Waybright
371 Little Creek Rd
Spring Grove PA 17362
(717)225-5933
Email: waybright5@comcast.net

YOUTH SERVICE FUND GRANTS

from Youth Service Fund Offerings; administered by Conference Young People's Ministry Council

The Youth Service Fund of the Conference Young People's Ministry Council is a fund created for, directed for and used by youth for mission, ministry and service to the glory of God. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects or ministries related to youth.

- For information on project [guidelines and an application](#), contact:
Audrey Wilder
Susquehanna Conference
303 Mulberry Drive
Mechanicsburg PA 17050-3179
Toll free: 1-800-874-8474
(717) 766-7441; Fax: (717) 766-5976
Email: awilder@susumc.org

[Online](#) or [PDF Application](#)

LOANS

LOAN COMMITTEE

from investments by individuals, congregations and other agencies in the Conference Loan Fund; administered by the Loan Committee through the Conference Missional Board.

- For building and repair projects by congregations and conference agencies
- For information and an application, contact the Finance Office at (717) 766-5275.

SCHOLARSHIPS

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY CONTINUING FORMATION FUND

from contributions and investments in the Ministerial Education Fund and the Educational Leave Fund; administered through the Board of Ordained Ministry, Continuing Formation Committee.

- Offers financial assistance to fulfill [continuing education](#) requirements of the
- Susquehanna Annual Conference
- Applicants must be under appointment or events which focus on those under appointment.
- For information see Board of Ordained Ministry web page or contact:

Rev. Kathy Harvey Nelson, Chairperson, Continuing Formation

4273 Druck Valley Road

York, PA 17406-8743

Phone: (717) 246-1570 (church) (717) 968-4847 (home)

Email: knelson@susumc.org

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry based on a percentage of our Conference Student Day Offering

- **The Susquehanna Conference Merit Scholarship is for college students attending United Methodist-related colleges and universities. Application is made through the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) offices in Nashville TN. Be sure to indicate as part of the application that you wish to be considered for our conference merit scholarship in addition to others for which you may be qualified.**
- **The Fall 2017 GBHEM on-line scholarship application is open January 3, 2017 - March 1, 2017 at this web page: www.gbhem.org.**

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

From Shares of Ministry, Offerings to the Outdoor Christian Education Offering, and Donations; administered by Camping and Retreats Commission

- Camperships are available for children and youth unable to afford the summer camp registration fee. Requests are kept confidential. Scholarships are usually equal half the cost of camp registration.
- For information and applications, contact:
Patricia Frye
303 Mulberry Drive
Mechanicsburg PA 17050-3179
Toll free: 1-800-874-8474
Phone: (717) 766-7441; Fax: (717) 766-5976
Email: pfrye@susumc.org

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS for children of prison inmates

from Prison Ministry Advance Funds; administered by the Conference Mission and Outreach Team

- Camperships are available for children of Susquehanna Conference prison inmates to participate in Christian summer camping experiences. Churches or chaplains can seek half the funding for children of inmates to attend a summer Christian camping program.
- For information and applications, contact:
Rev. Mark Reisinger
42 S 3rd St
Lewisburg PA 17837
Phone: (570) 524-0809
Email: mreisinger@susumc.org

STUDENT AID FUND

from contributions and investments; administered by the Conference Student Aid Fund Board of Managers

- Offers financial assistance to persons preparing to fulfill their call to full time pastoral ministry in Susquehanna Conference
- Applicants must be certified candidates for the ordained ministry; attending or planning to attend a school approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church and have demonstrated financial need
- For information and an application, contact:
Rev. Nicholas E. Keeney
6300 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg PA 17111-3316
Phone: (717) 561-0388
nkeeney@susumc.org

THE MAUD K. JENSEN/KAREN E. LAYMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

from Women in Ministry of the Susquehanna Conference; administered by the United Methodist Stewardship Foundation

- Offers financial assistance to women entering ministry
- For information, contact:
Rev. Anna Layman Knox
315 Church St
Hawley PA 18428
Phone: (570) 616-7967
Email: aknox@susumc.org

[Online Application](#)

DENOMINATIONAL GRANTS, LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS are available through the United Methodist Church. For information, go to the InfoServ website:

www.umc.org/resources/grants-and-loans-available-through-the-united-methodist-church

SEARCH THE FOUNDATION CENTER DIRECTORY ONLINE

The Foundation Center is an independent nonprofit information clearinghouse that disseminates information on grants, foundations and corporate giving. As such, the Center does not make grants, but can provide information on available grants and training on proposal writing.

Use the Foundation Center's Directory Online (subscription only) to search for grants, loans, and scholarships from private foundations.

Foundation Center Online Directory may be accessed at the following public libraries:

James V. Brown Library, Williamsport
Dauphin County Library, Harrisburg
Martin Library, York
Lancaster County Library, Lancaster

Foundation Center and other books related to fund-raising may be available in your local library. Discovery Place Resource Center at the Conference Center also has a few resources related to finding funding and writing funding proposals. College and university libraries are another possible source of Foundation Center information.

To contact Foundation Center directly, visit <http://foundationcenter.org> for information on grant makers and foundations. Visit the FAQ website at <http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/faqs/> for information on Funding Resources, Proposal Writing, Individual Grant seekers, Nonprofit Organizations, Corporate Philanthropy and Online Fundraising. Contact:

The Foundation Center, 79 Fifth Avenue/16th Street, New York, NY 10003-3076

Toll free: 800-424-9836; Phone: 212-620-4230, Fax: 212-807-3677