



Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund Application Instructions

The Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund has been established by The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas to provide financial support for clergy in the Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to experience events that promote personal or spiritual growth and perfecting professional skills. These funds are available to Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors under appointment.

- Continuing education at one of the 13 United Methodist seminaries in the United States.
- Individual/personal study leave at one of the 13 United Methodist seminaries in the United States.
- Participation in one of the International Study Cohorts (2023 Israel, 2024 England, 2025 Greece).
- Events for spiritual renewal, rest, and refectation.
- Clergy spiritual life retreats or similar programs.
- Organized mission trips

Application information:

- Applications will be received on January 1, April 1, June 1, and October 1.
- Clergy may apply for these funds every three years.
- Participants will be expected to provide a negotiated portion of the total costs.
- All expenses will be reimbursable.
- Grant awards may be directed to clergy participating in a sabbatical program.
- Grant awards may not be used for a degree program (college, Seminary, or D. Min).

Questions? Contact Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries, at myokem@methodistfoundationAR.org or (501) 664-8632.



Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund Application Form

To apply for program funding through the Foundation's Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund, send responses to the questions below to Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries, at myokem@methodistfoundationar.org.

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Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Church Appointment:

Program Questions

1. What is the project you are pursuing?
2. What is the timeline of your study?
3. Describe briefly the purpose of your study area or project.
4. Describe briefly why you want to pursue this study or project.
5. Can you provide a detailed plan for your study (i.e. time involved, curriculum to be studied, instructors)?
6. How will this study or project assist you in your ministry?
7. Provide a budget that reflects the total cost of your study or project.
8. Do you have access to other financial support? If so, how much and from whom?