



**Wesley Tour to England
International Study Cohort
April 15- 23, 2024**

The Clergy Growth and Renewal Fund has been established by The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas to provide financial support for Elders, Deacons, and Local Pastors under appointment in the Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to experience events that promote personal or spiritual growth and perfecting professional skills. Through this fund comes the opportunity for clergy members to participate in continuing education events called The International Study Cohort.

The Wesley Tour to England International Study Cohort will be a comprehensive international study experience comprised of fifteen pastors who will study overseas for the purpose of gaining knowledge and information that will strengthen their preaching in local congregations.

The study/travel experience will be April 15- 23, 2024, with an eight-day excursion to England. The fifteen selected participants will be given pre-trip assignments, and each participant will be assigned teaching responsibilities while in England. As a follow-up, each participant will provide the Foundation with a written evaluation of their experience and the effect on their preaching skills.

- The Cohort will be limited to 15 participants.
- Preference will be given to applicants that have not been to England previously.
- Prior Foundation International Cohort participants may apply, but priority will be given to candidates who have not participated in an internal cohort.
- The Cohort is open to those who are appointed to preach on a regular basis.
- Each participant is expected to contribute \$1,000 to the cost of the Cohort.
- Each participant may have their spouse (or a family member) accompany them, but the spouse (or family member) will be asked to pay the regular Educational Opportunities cost.
- Attendance at all pre-trip meetings is expected. If you cannot make this commitment, please reconsider applying to participate.

To apply for the **Wesley Tour of England International Study Cohort**, send responses to the following questions to Rev. Mackey Yokem, Director of Leadership Ministries, at myokem@methodistfoundationar.org or (501) 664-8632. Applications are due by July 30, 2023.

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Name:
Address:
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Church Appointment:

1. How will you commit to faithful study and participate in the pre-trip sessions and leading teachings experiences while in England?
2. If you are selected to be a participant, what do you expect to learn and how will you grow from this experience?
3. How do you think this cohort experience will change your ministry and preaching? If so, how?
4. How will you take this experience back to your ministry setting and use it to enhance your ministry and congregation?