

Guidelines for Administration of the Emery and Audrey Hochstetler Pastoral Training Fund

FUND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide financial assistance to pastors and potential pastors and /or missionaries when involved in formal training situations
2. To affirm young persons who have a sense of call to Christian ministry with tuition grants in seminary studies.
3. To subsidize in-service training programs like extension courses, seminars and workshops with financial assistance to persons involved in pastoral leadership who are serving on marginal time or limited support.

FUND MANAGEMENT

1. The fund shall be in the care of Mennonite Foundation, Goshen, Indiana.
2. Only income from the fund shall be used.
3. The Pastoral Leadership Committee (PLC) of Central Plains Mennonite Conference shall administer the fund and shall determine who shall receive assistance and in what amounts, within the guidelines outlined in this document. The PLC shall be open to counsel from the grantors.

FUND ALLOCATIONS

Any person having membership in a Central Plains Mennonite Conference congregation for at least two years with a need in one of the following categories may apply for a tuition grant. These are listed in order of priority.

1. Persons who feel a call to pastoral ministry and whose call is affirmed by their pastor and/or congregation.
2. Pastors within the conference who are involved in furthering their formal education while remaining active in the pastorate.
3. Pastors that take a sabbatical/leave of absence for a period of study.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Funds are to be used only for persons attending AMBS, EMS or Hesston College's Leadership Training Program.
2. Grantee intends to serve in pastoral leadership following completion of studies.
3. No repayment of funds received is required except in the event the applicant does not enter the Christian ministry.
4. A reasonable rate of interest is expected as well as repayment of the grant if applicant changes to another vocation within six years following completion of study.