



ENDURING WITNESS FUND Committee on Ministry Grant Application Cover Sheet

Please check appropriate box

Clergy Grant Congregation Grant

***DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR 'EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE' GRANTS**

Date of Request: ____/____/____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name	
Name of Member Church			
Church Address			Apt #
City	State		Zip
Phone	Email		

Make grant payable to:

Full Name of Individual or Congregation

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Requestor Signature: _____ Requestor Title: _____

Please return complete application to:

**Enduring Witness Grant
Presbytery of Baltimore
5400 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239**

Or email to:

ewgrant@baltimorepresbytery.org



COM USE ONLY

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____ Approved Not Approved

Comments:



Enduring Witness Fund Committee on Ministry Grants Information

The Presbytery of Baltimore is privileged to receive funds from congregations whose ministries have closed either through the sale of church property or other situations whereby the Presbytery of Baltimore receives assets. The legacy of the faithful members of these congregations continues through the life and ministry of remaining congregations in the Presbytery.

Teaching Elders and Commissioned Pastors are experiencing more burnout and high levels of stress for various reasons necessitating coaching, counseling and a leave of absence. This situation often puts a severe burden on both elders/pastors and congregations to cover the cost of needed support and healing. The Presbytery also has member Teaching Elders not enrolled in the Board of Pensions and therefore ineligible for emergency assistance from the Board.

Committee on Ministry Enduring Witness Grants are available for Teaching Elders, Commissioned Pastors and congregations experiencing a need for emergency financial assistance due to:

- Mental Health Issues necessitating administrative leave
- Coaching/counseling support for elders/pastors and interim elder/pastors where a leave of absence is necessary.
- Separation agreement assistance
- Assisting congregations with pulpit supply when elder/pastor is on leave

Grants for medical crisis not immediately covered by insurance and other emergencies as deemed appropriate by the Chair of COM, the Stated Clerk and/or the General Presbyter are covered under the COM Emergency Assistance Grant

This application will be used for congregations applying for grants administered by the Committee on Ministry. The types of grants are:

1. **Clergy Grant** – Assistance for coaching, counseling and a leave of absence (**up to \$2,000.00/year**)
2. **Congregation Grant** - Assistance for pulpit supplies (**up to \$2,000.00/year**)

THE MAXIMUM AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR ALL COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY GRANTS IS \$15,000 PER YEAR

A final report evaluating the use of funds is required one year after award. Additional funding could be withheld pending receipt of final report.

*****ALL UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PRESBYTERY OF BALTIMORE*****



Enduring Witness Fund Committee on Ministry Grant Application

Please complete the **Committee on Ministry Grant Application Cover Sheet** and answer the **COM-Enduring Witness Questions** below.

PLEASE NOTE: These funds are not designed for long term use and are not meant to be part of any congregation's budget process.

The Committee on Ministry reserves the right to adjust or decline an applicant's request. The Committee on Ministry does not discriminate between applicants based on race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability.

COM-Enduring Witness Questions

1. Amount of financial assistance you are requesting for this current year.
2. Have you received any Presbytery financial assistance in previous years?
If so, please supply amount, year and type of grant/assistance.
3. Have you received any Presbytery financial assistance in the current year?
If so, please supply amount and type of grant/assistance.



4. Significant changes (positive or negative) at your congregation in the past three years? Do you anticipate any significant changes (positive or negative) in the current year?

5. Average Sunday attendance last year? Pledging Units last year?

6. Do you have an endowment? If so, how much? What are the restrictions?

7. Amount (if any) the church is contributing toward this initiative.