

Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA

Leadership Support Standards for Continuing Education

- 1) A Continuing Education Covenant must be on file with the Synod office. This Covenant is renewable every seven years.
- 2) A Continuing education grants may be provided through the Leadership Support Committee to all rostered ministers of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA.
- 3) Grants will normally not exceed the amount contributed by either the recipient or the congregation or appropriate agency. The fund will be shared in approximate increments of one-third. In the event of greater need, exceptions may be made. If applicants exceed available funds, they will be available based on needs. (The earlier application is made in the year, the greater the opportunities to receive funding.)
- 4) Continuing education grants will be made for structured formal study programs directly related and beneficial to the applicant's ministry, excluding tours.
- 5) Assistance grant requests will be made in one of three areas:
 - a. Stolltdorf Grants, not to exceed \$400.00 for the synod's fiscal year (which begins Feb. 1), for single event programs, such as conferences, seminars and workshops.
 - b. Leadership Grants, not to exceed \$500.00 annually, for the development of leadership skills through participation in a multi-year program of supervised study, such as a D.Min. program.
- 6) Grant requests will require the approval of the Leadership Support Committee. The approval process will be as follows:
 - a. Approval by a Synod Staff person and chair of the committee.
 - b. Review by the Leadership Support Committee.
 - c. The recipient, following the event, will submit a summary of the learning experience.
- 7) Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders (can include pastors, deacons, and those in specialized ministries) is a grant program of the Louisville Institute that provides funds up to \$15,000. Information can be found at www.Louisville-Institute.org, or in writing to The Louisville Institute, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Louisville, KY, 40205 502-895-3411. Other grants are available through the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program: <http://cpx.cts.edu/renewal>

Other grant resources can be found at www.centerforcongregations.org and Life-Long Learning Opportunities at http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/2781?_ga=1.245646788.1966363527.1449762694 or at www.faithandwisdom.org

A Good planning resource book:

Clergy Renewal: The Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning, by A. Richard Bullock and Richard Bruesehoff
Alban Books are available directly from Rowman & Littlefield or from online sellers such as Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com. Rowman & Littlefield has established a special website for Alban: <https://rowman.com/albanbooks>.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND APPLICATION

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

I WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Subject/Title _____

Agency / Institution _____

Location _____ Date(s) _____

I have this / these goal(s) in mind: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION FUNDING

The total cost of this opportunity will be:

Commitments toward this cost are:

Tuition or Fee \$ _____

Church Council/Congregation \$ _____

Materials \$ _____

Participant (my outlay) \$ _____

Room and Board \$ _____

Other (Identify) \$ _____

Transportation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS REQUESTED FROM THE SYNOD

Stolltdorf \$ _____

Leadership \$ _____

(single event/program/conference)

(multi-year program of study)

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SYNOD TO DATE

If you have previously received continuing education funds from the IK Synod, please list the year and amount received: _____

Please list any other continuing education you have planned for this year: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA
Leadership Support
911 E 86th St., Ste 200
Indianapolis, IN 46240-1840

(Synod use only) DATE _____ ACTION TAKEN _____