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# THE BROWN ENDOWMENT FOR PASTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Helen and Richard Brown bequeathed a generous gift in the 1990s to establish the Helen and Richard Brown Endowment for Pastoral Scholarships.

Since its inception, the Brown Endowment, designated to support pastoral ministry in the United Church of Christ (UCC), has provided over $5 million in funding for scholarships and continuing education, supporting the ministries of more than 5,000 individuals.

United Church Funds is honored to serve as trustee for the Brown Endowment, managing both investment of the endowed funds and allocation of over $300,000 each year for individual scholarships and sponsorships to UCC conferences, seminaries and global partners.

We share Richard and Helen Brown's commitment to the future of the UCC and are proud to help ensure funding for pastoral education.

## Members in Discernment

A major portion of the Brown Endowment provides scholarship funds for Members in Discernment (MIDs) — those who are preparing for authorized ministry in the UCC — to support a course of study. Potential Brown Scholars must have official MID status with a Committee on Ministry, demonstrate at least a year of active membership in a local UCC church, and maintain a minimum GPA of 3 .0. Applicants with strong leadership skills and involvement beyond their local church will be given strong preference.

The Brown Endowment also supports MIDs attending regional theological education programs. Please note that doctoral candidates (D.Min., D.Div., STD, Ph.D., etc.) are not eligible for a Brown Scholarship.

The Brown Endowment also funds other programs for clergy continuing education and professional development.

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## Eligibility Criteria

- A passion for ministry and for serving the people of God.
- Official Member In Discernment status with a Committee on Ministry of a UCC Association and Conference.
- Ability to share theological views in writing or video.
- Enrolled in seminary or regional theological education program with a minimum of 3.0 GPA in most recent academic work.
- Active in local church and a member in good standing for a minimum of one year.
- Demonstration of financial need for continuing studies.
- Ability to complete the application process within designated timeline.



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