



Atlantic Coast Conference

An area conference of
Mennonite Church USA

Congregational Leadership Fund

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this fund is to strengthen leadership capacities in Atlantic Coast Conference Congregations by providing assistance for continuing education of pastors & leaders, assisting short term congregational leadership needs, and resourcing faith formation initiatives that strengthen leadership.

Vision

The vision for this fund is to partner together to create healthy congregational communities by strengthening congregational & pastoral leadership. At times congregational leaders and pastors need financial resources beyond their capacity. Small and congregations with less financial capacity and bi-vocational pastors would be prioritized as recipients of this fund.

Campaign Steering Committee

The Campaign Steering Committee will be made up of 5-9 individuals with a passion for guiding and supporting the establishment of the Congregational Leadership Fund. Committee members will be expected to:

- Attend 2-3 organizational meetings to begin and walk alongside ACC staff during the fund development process
- Provide names of potential donors to the committee
- Provide his/her own gift to the fund
- Be personally excited about the vision of the project
- Be willing to advocate for the fund and its vision within ACC's constituent body

Fund Usage

This fund will be administered by Mennonite Foundation, which will be instructed to release 3-5% of the total fund for use each year. ACC's Executive Committee will review applications and approve each year's grants.

**Contributions can be made out to
"ACC" with "CLF" in the memo line.**

Mail to:

Atlantic Coast Conference
2257 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602

Fund-raising Process

Our objective is to develop a \$500,000 endowment to support leadership development within Atlantic Coast Conference congregations. These funds will be raised by reassigning current and future undesignated bequest funds and soliciting donors at these amounts:

- One gift at \$100,000
- Two gifts at \$50,000 each
- Five gifts at \$10,000 each year over three years (\$1,000 of each year's gift will go to immediate use, \$9,000 toward the endowment)
- Five gifts \$5,000 each year over five years (\$500 of each year's gift will go to immediate use, \$4,500 towards the endowment)
- Additional smaller-scale initiatives to reach \$500,000

The Quiet Shouts Seminary Scholarship Committee is liquidating the fund and has dispersed over \$28,000 to ACC. The committee respectfully asks that ACC continue to encourage women to follow their call in the area of pastoral ministries. This money will be added to the fund.

Development of the Congregational Leadership Fund has been and will continue to be guided by advisors from Everence.