

PACIFICA SYNOD FUNDS FOR MISSION

Latino Ministry Endowment Fund Partnership Support Grants

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: October 1 to December 31

Distribution: March

The Pacifica Synod Latino Ministry Endowment Fund, formed from a merger of the St. Mary's and Santa Ana Accounts by action of the Synod Council on March 12, 2005, provides assistance and support to congregations with existing Latino ministries and/or congregations intending to develop new Latino ministries. Congregations that can demonstrate financial need and have a defined plan for outreach may apply for a partnership support grant from the Pacifica Synod, Latino Ministry Endowment Fund (PS-LMEF).

To be considered for a grant, the congregation must:

1. Have a well thought out plan for outreach with clearly stated goals, objectives and time lines.
2. Demonstrate the financial need for grant support.
3. Prove the potential capacity for achieving the state objectives.
4. Have congregational approval and support.

When completed, the application will be reviewed by the Pacifica Synod Latino Ministry Endowment Fund Task Force with approval of the grant by the Latino/Hispanic Ministry Team. Final approval is granted by the Pacifica Synod Council.

The availability of partnership support grants from this fund will vary from year to year based on a fixed percentage of the principle plus interest of the monies available in the PS-LMEF (Pacifica Synod Latino Ministry Endowment Fund).

Murray & Rhoda Finck Global Engagement Mission Fund

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: July 1 – September 15

Distribution: November

Maximum Award: \$3,000

In 2016, "The Murray and Rhoda Finck Global Engagement Mission Fund" (GEM Fund) was established. It is named in honor of Bishop Emeritus Murray Finck and

his wife Rhoda, in recognition and appreciation of their service and accomplishments during the 18 years that Bishop Murray served as Bishop of the Pacifica Synod (from 1998 through 2016.)

The goals of the fund are:

1. To assist congregations of the Pacifica Synod in their Global Mission efforts.
2. To initiate and/or continue direct support of present and future Companion Synods of the Pacifica Synod.
3. To share in ministry with God's people as we together strive for a lasting world peace.

Distribution of funds may be given to increase awareness of global mission work, to fund domestic and/or foreign projects related to Pacifica Companion Synods and Lutheran partners and provide assistance in travel expenses related to the fund's stated goals.

Cathryn Wright/Stephen Ministry Training Scholarships

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: September 1 to January 1

Distribution: Within 30 days of application

Maximum Award: See below

This scholarship is made possible by the Cathryn W. Wright Bequest specifically designated for Stephen Ministry lay leaders. It is expected that congregations send a pastor and two to four lay leaders for the training.

The synod scholarship program will provide the following:

1. \$800 scholarship per lay leader, available for up to three lay leaders per congregation. Additional \$285 scholarship per lay leader for non-commuters will be added.
2. \$1,000 per congregation toward your congregation's enrollment in the Stephen Series, if not currently enrolled. The Leader's Training Course is designed for congregations enrolled in the Stephen Series.
3. \$400 travel assistance per lay person for up to three people for Hawaii congregations.

For more information about Stephen Ministries, please go to their website at www.stephenministries.org. For training course information and to receive a registration packet, call Stephen Ministries at 314.428.2600.

Warner Trust Fund Grants

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: October 1 – January 15

Distribution: March

Maximum Award: \$1,000

Charles and Mable Warner were members of First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. They had no children and loved their church as evidenced by the following quote from their will: "...The entire remainder of the trust estate shall go and be distributed to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Southwest, Los Angeles, California, with the request that such estate be used in the construction of Sunday School facilities and to further youth Christian education."

As legal successors to the Southwest Synod, the principal was divided among the five ELCA synods in Region 2. The principal from the fund has been placed in the ELCA Mission Investment Fund and the interest is made available annually in March, as grants.

The Warner Trust Fund Committee, appointed by the Pacifica Synod Council, is empowered to approve all grant applications. Any project that received a grant last year will not be eligible again this year but may apply again in the third year.

Matthew 25 Fund Grants

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: August 15 – October 15

Distribution: January

Maximum Award: \$1,000

³⁵ "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

The purpose of The Matthew 25 Fund is to honor Christ as he spoke in Matthew 25:35-40. Jerry and Lynda Engelhardt established the fund through a strong desire to help people as in the verse. The primary criteria for making awards shall be Matthew 25:35-40. A secondary criterion shall be to evaluate if the proposed project will help establish or maintain congregational outreach and unity as in the spirit of the verse.

The fund is intended for ELCA Pacifica Synod congregations. However, awards may be given to other well-managed organizations not in the Pacifica Synod that meet the spirit of the verse.

Pacifica Mission Fund

Frequency: Annually

Application Period: Prior to the start of each fiscal year, February 1.

Application Process: Must be made through the Pacifica Synod Director for Evangelical Mission.

This Designated Fund consists of the sale proceeds of Lutheran Church of the Cross, Riverside in 2006 and Prince of Peace, La Mirada in 2014.

This fund is used for missional efforts, including forming new congregations and synodically authorized worshiping communities (SAWC) and strengthening existing congregations.

To be eligible for these funds, a congregation must be working with the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) of the Pacifica Synod and must have a clearly articulated vision and plan of action as well as evidence of faithful Mission Support to the Pacifica Synod. Grants from this fund are often used as the synod's partnership with ministries receiving partnership support from the ELCA Churchwide expression. These funds may also be used for the training of pastoral leadership in the areas of Mission Development and Congregational Renewal.

For more information, along with links to applications, visit the Funds for Mission pages on our website at <http://www.pacificasynod.org/congregations/funds-for-mission/> or contact Terri Robertson at 714.352.8732 or by email at terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org.