

## **PACIFICA SYNOD FUNDS FOR MISSION**

### **Latino Ministry Endowment Fund Partnership Support Grants**

**Frequency: Annually**

**Application Period: October 1 to November 30**

**Distribution: March**

**Average Annual Distribution: \$25,000**

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. Individual grants for Latino members of the Pacifica Synod using the funds for seminary and the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) program are also encouraged.

Congregation grants must have a defined plan for an outreach, worship or ministry. Grants are a partnership with financial support from the Pacifica Synod, Latino Ministry Endowment Fund and additional resources of the Latino Area Ministry Committee as appropriate for both congregations and individuals.

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. Individuals must be accepted into a specific program endorsed by the ELCA and a candidate of the Pacifica Synod.
3. Prove the potential capacity for achieving the stated 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: May 1 to June 30**

**Distribution: By October 1**

**Maximum Award: \$3,000**

**Average Annual Distribution: \$9,900**

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.

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## **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**

**Average Annual Distribution: \$10,500**

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](http://www.stephenministries.org). For training course information and to receive a registration packet, call Stephen Ministries at 314.428.2600.

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## **Warner Trust Fund Grants**

**Frequency: Annually**

**Application Period: October 1 – January 15**

**Distribution: March**

**Maximum Award: \$1,000**

**Average Annual Distribution: \$9,000**

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 recipient that received a grant last year will not be eligible again this year but may apply again in the third year.

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## **Matthew 25 Fund Grants**

**Frequency: Annually**

**Application Period: August 15 – October 15**

**Distribution: January**

**Maximum Award: \$1,000**

**Average Annual Distribution: \$24,000**

<sup>35</sup> "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, <sup>36</sup> 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.'

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

<sup>40</sup> "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.

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## **Robert L. Miller Scholarship Fund**

**Frequency: Semi-Annually**

**Application Period: Prior to June 15 (for fall distributions) and January 15 (for spring distributions)**

**Distribution: September and March**

**Application Process: Must be made through the Pacifica Synod Candidacy Committee**

The Robert L. Miller Scholarship Fund is available to active members of a Pacifica Synod congregation who are officially entranced by the Pacifica Synod Candidacy Committee. Applicants must be officially affiliated with and registered at an ELCA seminary in an approved degree or TEEM program, leading to becoming a rostered leader in the ELCA (Word and Sacrament/Word and Service.)

Funds may only be used for books, tuition, or costs directly related to Seminary Education in the ELCA, as funds are deposited directly with the Seminary in the student's account. Applications will be reviewed twice a year by the Pacifica

Synod Candidacy Committee. The Candidacy Committee will make recommendations to the bishop, who will pass the recommendations to the Mission Funds Committee, and then be forwarded to the Pacifica Synod Council for final approval. Application deadlines are June 15<sup>th</sup> (funds dispersed in the fall) and January 15<sup>th</sup> (funds dispersed in the spring) of each calendar year.

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## **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 worshipping 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.

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**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](mailto:terrirobertson@pacificasynod.org).**