



Pacifica Synod, ELCA
Office of the Bishop

Pacifica Synod Cathryn Wright Fund Grant Application

Background:

This grant was given to the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) by Cathryn Wright in 2003. Ms. Wright intended the grant to be used for “caring lay ministry.” The original task force recommended that the mission statement specify that these monies entrusted to the Pacifica Synod of the ELCA be used in the identification, recruitment, and equipping of persons for caring lay ministry.

The original mission statement of Cathryn Wright Trust Fund Task Force (01/27/2003):

The task force recommends that the mission statement indicate that these monies entrusted to the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America be used in the identification, recruitment, and equipping of persons for caring lay persons ministry...

Purpose:

We invite Pacifica Synod ministries and congregations and lay (non-rostered) individuals to explore opportunities for “caring lay ministry.” Examples include but are not limited to:

- Stephen Ministry Training – www.stephenministries.org
- Excellence in Leadership - <https://www.rmselca.org/excellence-in-leadership>
- Growing in Faith - The Diakonia Program - <https://www.diakoniausa.org/>
- Parish Nursing Program - <https://www.elpna.org/>
- Thriving Leadership Formation - <https://thrivingleadershipformation.org/>
- ELCA Coach Training - <https://www.elcacoaching.org>
- Training to become a Spiritual Director
- Synod workshops and events
- Other training opportunities around anti-racism, the Enneagram... your ideas!

Process:

- Complete the application below.
- Attach a one-page summary of your proposal.
- Submit written approval of a rostered leader (Pastor or Deacon) in Pacifica Synod, or an explanation of why this is not attainable.

Applications will be reviewed by the Wright Fund Committee as received. The committee will then make recommendations to the Mission Funds Committee and Executive Committee for review and final approval. This process may take 8-12 weeks. Approval process may be expedited for synod and ELCA events and programs and Stephen Ministries.

Approved funding may involve reimbursement to the participant by check or direct payment to the program by check.

Cathryn Wright Fund Grant Application Form

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Individual or Congregation (Name/City): _____

(If congregation, please list primary contact): _____

If awarded, name/address of payee: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Have you received a Wright grant in the past? _____

If so, when? Note that reporting on all grants received is required to receive future grants. _____

Grant Request:

Purpose: _____

Amount requested (Maximum request - \$2,000): _____

Are you receiving funding from any other sources for this purpose? _____

If yes, list sources/amounts: _____

Rationale and Estimated Costs:

Please submit a brief (one-page suggested) narrative sharing why the grant is being requested, how/where do you hope to apply this training, who will benefit, who supports you in this, and how your request meets the purpose of “caring lay ministry.” Please also include a description of estimated costs (be specific).

Criteria:

1. Applicants must be a lay member of a congregation or ministry of the Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or a congregation or ministry in the Pacifica Synod.
2. If applying as a congregation of the ELCA, the congregation must have filed their most recent Congregational Report and must be contributing Synod Mission Support regularly.
3. The grant request must meet the purpose of the Wright Trust Fund as described above.
4. Recipients will agree to use the funds only as stated in their proposal and will provide a written report (using the designated reporting form) to the Pacifica Synod within one year of the grant disbursement, sharing how the grant was used and what impact was made.

Please submit completed application by mail or email:

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