

Clergy Financial Wellness Initiative

What is the Clergy Financial Wellness Initiative?

An 8-month leadership program, beginning in March, to deliver deep and holistic financial training for Kansas clergy. Space will be limited to provide greater depth and establish meaningful, long-lasting connections.

Participants will be provided with resources and training to become more financially healthy in their family life and with their leadership in the church. This program will bring clergy together from different churches across Kansas to talk about stewardship in the church and provide them with resources and information valuable to God's house and their house.

The Clergy Financial Wellness Initiative will encompass a two-part program over a duration of 8-months: Cokesbury's *Saving Grace* curriculum for two months, and the *Generous Church Leadership* curriculum in coordination with Discipleship Ministries for six months.

What is the Cost to Participate?

There is no financial cost. This program is partially funded by a grant to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the UMC by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. for their national initiative. The remainder will come from an investment of KMF in our local pastors.

Why should I Participate in the Initiative?

The purpose of this program is to strengthen your financial wellness and leadership in you ministry context. Upon successful completion of the 8-month program with over 25 contact hours, you will earn **2.5** continuing education units (CEU's).

What are the Expectations of the Initiative?

- 1) Active participation and engagement for each session throughout the program is required. Additionally, reading the materials is necessary for program success.
- 2) Reliable internet access is required in order to successfully participate, as the sessions will be on Zoom.
- 3) Participants will be asked to develop a money autobiography and comprehensive plan for their own financial well-being during the Generous Church Leadership portion of the course. This information will remain anonymous and will be used as a tool to help reflect on finances and actions that can be taken forward based on the material they are learning.
- 4) Following the completion of the 8-month program, KMF will host a celebration gathering for all participants and their significant others. This will include a meal, celebrating their learning journey and new found freedom and hope. Each participant will be recognized with a certificate of completion noting their 2.5 CEU's for successful completion.
- 5) After the course is completed, the participant will complete an evaluation form.

[Click here to view the syllabus and schedule.](#)

Applications will be accepted until February 19, 2022.

If you have questions or seek additional information about the **Clergy Financial Wellness Program**, please contact Dustin Petz at dustin@kansasmethodistfoundation.org.