

## Southeastern Minnesota Synod Rostered Minister Continuing Education Grant Policy

1. All active rostered ministers currently serving under call in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod are eligible to apply for a matching continuing education grant.
2. Application for the continuing education grants is made by completing the online application form which includes a covenant to be discussed with the congregational president.
3. Congregations are expected to budget continuing education funds for rostered ministers. The grant program is not intended to replace congregational support of continuing education.
4. Continuing education grants to a rostered minister will match the continuing education money budgeted from the congregation up to \$500 in any calendar year. Congregational dollars contributed toward *First Call Theological Education* may be included.
5. Rostered leaders may apply for grants once every three years.
6. Applications are due in the synod office by Feb 1, June 1 or October 1. Applicants will be notified of a response within 45 days.
7. The Synod Leader Grant Team will award grants determined by the money available in the Rostered Leader Continuing Education Endowment Fund Interest Account along with consideration of the strategic value of the request for congregational mission.
8. Funds will be distributed from the synod directly to recipients.