

1 Action Request #2 (Substitute)
2 2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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4 **TITLE: Revisions for Scholarship Policies of the Board of Ordained Ministry**
5 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Oregon-Idaho Board of Ordained Ministry**
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10 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION: Recommend for approval 19-0-0.**
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12 **I/We petition the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference to take the following action:**

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14 Revise Section H of the Scholarship Policies of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Oregon-Idaho
15 Annual Conference as follows to reflect the increase in cost for Ministerial Course of Study classes:
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17 **H. Certified Licensing School Candidates, Licensed Local Pastors, and Lay Persons Assigned as Pastoral**
18 **Leaders**

19 I. A. Certified candidates for the ministry shall be eligible to receive financial assistance up to \$1,000
20 ~~900~~ for tuition and meals for licensing school.

21 B. Local Pastors enrolled part time in the Ministerial Course of Study shall be eligible to receive
22 financial assistance up to \$600 per year for tuition and meals for course of study classes. **Requests for**
23 **financial assistance are predicated on the following:**

- 24 • **Prior to enrollment, Local Pastors should contact the Board of Ordained Ministry licensed local**
25 **pastor registrar to gain approval for the course of study classes.**
- 26 • **Once the course of study classes have been completed, Local Pastors should send**
27 **confirmation and receipts to the Board of Ordained Ministry licensed local pastor registrar.**

28 C. Local Pastors enrolled full time in the Ministerial Course of Study shall be eligible to receive
29 financial assistance up to \$1,000 ~~900~~ per year for tuition and meals for course of study classes. Course of
30 study scholarships for Local Pastors do not cover all the expenses related to attending the classes. Local
31 churches being served by Local Pastors are strongly encouraged to factor these costs into the Local
32 Pastor's annual professional expense reimbursement account. **Requests for financial assistance are**
33 **predicated on the following:**

- 34 • **Prior to enrollment, Local Pastors should contact the Board of Ordained Ministry licensed local**
35 **pastor registrar to gain approval for the course of study classes.**
- 36 • **Once the course of study classes have been completed, Local Pastors should send**
37 **confirmation and receipts to the Board of Ordained Ministry licensed local pastor registrar.**

38 II. Licensed Local Pastors who have completed the required course of study and lay persons assigned as
39 pastoral leaders may apply for financial assistance for continuing education. Applicants may receive:

- 40 • up to \$350 for an event of 1-4 days' duration
- 41 • up to \$600 for an event of 5 or more days' duration
- 42 • an additional \$250 if travel to the event (one-way) exceeds 300 miles

43 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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45 **What will this action accomplish?**

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47 **Cost alignment.** The cost of four classes at Claremont is \$900. The current policy shows that a
48 scholarship covers up to \$900 for 4 classes and meals. Because the current cost of the classes meets the

1 maximum, an additional \$100 for meals is recommended for inclusion to bring the costs inline with the
2 policy description of providing financial assistance for meals.

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4 **Application process clarification.** The addition of the approval of the coursework by the Board’s
5 Licensed Local Pastor Registrar and confirmation of completion (via submission of the receipts) clarifies
6 the requirements for applying for financial assistance.

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8 **Why is it important?**

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10 **Cost alignment.** The change will reflect current costs of classes and meals for Ministerial Course of
11 Study.

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13 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

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15 The Conference Journal editor will update the Conference Policies section of the Journal.

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17 The MEF Scholarship Officer will update the online MEF Application form: [https://umoi-](https://umoi-reg.brtaapp.com/MEFApplication)
18 [reg.brtaapp.com/MEFApplication](https://umoi-reg.brtaapp.com/MEFApplication).

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20 **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

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22 The costs incurred will be for staff time to update the pages in the Journal. This is currently budgeted.

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24 The additional amount for the scholarship requests would be able to be met with the current
25 scholarship funds available through the Board of Ordained Ministry Ministerial Education Fund.

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