Please make all inquiries and requests to:

Minister for Grants and Scholarships
United Church of Christ
700 Prospect Avenue,
Cleveland, OH 44115-1100
Support for persons authorized for ministry in the United Church of Christ (ordained, licensed and commissioned) and who are experiencing crisis in their vocational and/or personal lives is available through funds from the Make A Difference Campaign.

**Personal and Vocational Crisis Grants are available for:**

- Counseling to address crisis situations in ministry.
- Immediate intervention on behalf of the individual separating from place of ministry;
- Early intervention and referral assessment;
- Situations where initial candidate psychological assessment screening raises issues requiring additional psychological testing for and evaluation of members in discernment.
- Assistance to enable counseling/psychological assessment as part of a fitness review growth plan for authorized ministers (ordained, licensed, and commissioned) and members in discernment.
- The Conference/Association must provide some assurance that it intends to restore and reconcile persons to ministry upon completion of process;
- Funds serve to augment contributions from other sources (i.e., Association, Conference and/or individual).

**Procedures for Requesting/Receiving Funds:**

- Conference staff makes request to the Minister for Grants and Scholarships, on behalf of the authorized minister.
- Requests are received in writing or via email;
- Correspondence is to include—
  - description of the situation;
  - amount requested;
  - intended use of funds;
- source (s) of additional funding;
- confirmation that recipient is authorized by the Association (note, identity of person is not necessary)
- Payment is made to the Conference or Association making the request to assure Anonymity;
- Conference/Association is to make the source of the funds known to the Recipient;
- Conference/Association is to follow-up to insure the intended use of the funds.

**Stipulation for funding requests:**

- Funds are not a means for long term support;
- Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis;
- Funds are not intended to duplicate Ministerial Assistance Fund functions (please contact Office of Ministerial Assistance for information about the Ministerial Assistance Fund).