

2023 Emergency Support Request for Clergy



Dakotas-Minnesota Area

The United Methodist Church

Emergency Support Request

Financial emergency support for urgent or crisis situations is provided to eligible clergy up to \$5,000.

There is no written application requirement. A 1099* is issued for monies paid except in extreme circumstances as described by the IRS.

Urgent or crisis emergency situations could qualify for financial support when the clergy person has no other funds or financial resources available to manage the situation. Examples include:

- Urgent medical crisis for self or immediate family where a down payment is required but no means or method of providing the down payment is available.
- Sudden death of spouse or immediate family where funds for a funeral and related services are needed and unavailable from other sources.
- Vehicle breakdown or basement flooding where repairs require an immediate payment before insurance provides coverage, insurance is not available, and/or other resources are not available.

Eligibility

Any clergy appointed, or lay pastor assigned, as a pastor to a local church or extension ministry actively serving in the Dakotas or Minnesota Annual Conferences.

A simple process:

- **You do not need to fill out a form for emergency support.**
- Contact your district superintendent or the Area Director of Clergy Well-Being Diane Owen at 507-244-0311 or diane.owen@dkmnareaumc.org with the emergency request for financial support. A conversation follows to gather information for evaluation and decision-making.
- A rapid consultation, usually same day, between the area director and another lay team member guides the decision to provide support including the amount and the method of providing financial support. The clergy's confidentiality is protected and remains anonymous in the consultation.
- Options for payment using an electronic reimbursement form could include:
 - Direct reimbursement to the pastor.
 - Payment to the credit card company, if used.
 - Payment to the provider.