

# Ministerial Excellence Fund

*2 Corinthians 9:8*

*And God is able to make all grace abound  
to you, so that having all sufficiency in  
all things at all times, you may  
abound in every good work.*



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on the ABC-IN/KY & ABC-GI websites:  
[www.abc-indiana.org](http://www.abc-indiana.org)  
[www.abcgi.org](http://www.abcgi.org)

A ministry of  
American Baptist Churches of  
Indiana and Kentucky & Greater Indianapolis  
for the benefit of  
American Baptist Professional Church Leaders  
in Indiana, Kentucky and Greater Indianapolis

## PURPOSE

The Ministerial Excellence Fund (MEF) exists to provide assistance to Professional Church Leaders (PCLs) facing financial difficulties that prevent them from focusing on the greater tasks of Kingdom ministry. By removing barriers of financial hardship and need, the path is cleared for pastors to focus on, develop, and implement excellence in their personal ministry in service to their local churches. These grants are funded through donations by individuals and churches to the MEF Sustaining Fund.

## WHO QUALIFIES FOR A GRANT?

Pastors or PCLs currently serving in ABC-IN/KY or ABC-GI region whose church supports United Missions or regional offerings in the current or previous year.

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

*Hebrews 4:16 ESV*

## WHAT KINDS OF NEEDS DOES THE GRANT ADDRESS?

- Health care costs, including medical bills, sudden illness, etc.
- Emergencies, accidents, and disasters.
- Consumer debt.

### ***No grant monies are available for:***

- Supplementing retirement or savings accounts of any kind
- Supplementing local church budgets
- Providing salary support or benefits, such as insurance, retirement funds, etc.

Financial advising is available at no cost to all PCLs upon request regardless of application status.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO APPLY?

- Fill out the grant application and family budget sheet.
- Contact Marc Kirchoff ([stewardship@email.com](mailto:stewardship@email.com)).
- Meet with an approved advisor to discuss your situation as recommended.
- Submit your application, budget sheet, and advisor’s recommendations (if applicable) to Marc Kirchoff.

## WHAT’S NEXT?

The MEF Team will consider your application and be in touch with you regarding any next steps. If there are questions, please contact Rev. Mark Thompson, ABC-IN/KY Executive Minister ([markthompson@abc-indiana.org](mailto:markthompson@abc-indiana.org)), or Rev. Dr. Michael P.L. Friday, ABCGI Executive Minister (email Mae at [office@abcgi.org](mailto:office@abcgi.org) for his email address).

*“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.”* *11 Corinthians 8:7 ESV*

## FINAL THOUGHTS

The MEF Sustaining Fund relies upon the generous giving of individuals, associations, and churches. Your generosity makes this ministry possible. You may direct your contributions to either region, specifying *MEF Sustaining Fund*.

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