**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION**

**GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Recipients shall be Ordained Ministers in Standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of the Pacific Southwest Region.
2. Participants shall have completed their basic theological education. This fund is normally used to

assist those in parish ministry or chaplaincy. (Students enrolled in seminary are not to be recipients of this fund.)

1. Grants will be given for advanced professional studies, as well as degrees like the Master of Arts

and Doctor of Ministry degree.

1. Candidates for graduate academic degrees will not receive grants beyond the first year of a

program.

1. Recipients shall be limited to one grant in a twelve-month period.
2. Normally the congregation, or other employer, shall be expected to pay part of the cost of the

program for which aid is requested. A statement of board action relative to the employer’s contribution shall be submitted with application form from an official other than the applicant.

1. Normally the grant will cover not more than one-half of the cost, not to exceed $1,000. Grants are not to exceed available monies in the Fund.
2. Grants will be made only to those participating in programs that are recognized by some accrediting body beyond the institution or sponsoring organization; approved by a regional or general unit of the church; or endorsed by the Commission on Ministry of the Pacific Southwest Region, as a valid educational program for the participant.
3. All applicants for financial aid shall be submitted to the Commission on Ministry through the

Regional Church Office for evaluation. The applicants must be received by February 15, July 15,

and October 15 of the calendar year. Responses will be made to applicants within 30 days after the next meeting of the Commission on Ministry.

10. Grants will be made upon completion of an applicant form which includes:

A. Description of program;

B. Personal statement of anticipated worth of the program to applicant and perceived impact on present ministry;

C. A financial statement, i.e., plans to pay personally, the church or employer

contribution etc.:

D. Cost of program, including travel tuition, books, meals lodging, etc.

E Amount requested,

F Names, addresses and phone number of board chair plus one additional person, to o+

Contacted.

**Contact the regional office at** support@disciplespswr.org **to obtain the application form.**

Congregations hosting installations or ordinations will be contacted encouraging them to receive

the offering for the Ministers Continuing Education Scholarship Fund.