

# **Pastors' Emergency Fund Policy**

Approved by the Commission for Church Professionals for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
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## **I. Purpose**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley Pastors' Emergency Fund will be used to provide emergency financial assistance to eligible persons in time of financial crisis or emergency.

## **II. Eligibility**

Persons eligible to receive support are ministers of the Word and Sacrament, commissioned pastors, and certified Christian educators who are living or serving within the bounds of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

## **III. Procedures**

- The eligible individual will ordinarily make a one-time request for financial assistance in conversation with the executive presbyter. The amount of the grant will depend on the need and the amount available in the fund.
- Requests for additional funds may be granted pending a detailed demonstration of financial need and availability of funds.
- Requests will be discussed with either the executive presbyter or the chair of the Commission for Church Professionals. All grants must be approved by both the executive presbyter and the chair of the Commission for Church Professionals.
- The executive presbyter shall report all expenditures from the Pastors' Emergency Fund to the Commission for Church Professionals at its next stated meeting. Such reporting does not require that the individual being assisted be named, but the number of grants and the balance of the Pastors' Emergency Fund shall be reported.
- Preference will be given to first-time requests.

## **IV. Administration**

The Pastors' Emergency Fund is normally replenished with the offerings that are received from services of ordination, installation, and commissioning of pastors. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley may accept gifts, contributions, and bequests to the Pastors' Emergency Fund that are made for unrestricted purposes.