

How Lane-Salmon Clergy Assistance Funds can

Help

Funds are available to ministers and their families for special needs arising from unexpected/ emergency expenses and to provide a limited resource for ministry-related programs, classes, and/or workshops.

The Northern Lights Region has policies in place for distribution of these funds. The funds are administered confidentially by the Regional Minister in collaboration with the Commission on the Ministry.

Income to the Lane-Salmon Clergy Assistance Funds comes from the Regional policy of receiving offerings at all Ordination and Clergy Installation services in the Region. Designated gifts are also received from individuals and congregations through the year.

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Support & Care

For Clergy of the
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
in the
Northern Lights Region

Called to Care

The Northern Lights Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) understands our call as a Region to care for our clergy. The pastoral calling is one of great joy and fulfillment, however, it can also be a challenging and difficult journey. The Lane-Salmon Clergy Assistance Fund and the Clergy Scholarship Fund allow the NL Region to assist clergy during times of crisis and to help strengthen clergy by providing limited funds for continuing education.

The clergy assistance grants are made possible by gifts initiated in honor of Rev. Dr. Donald Salmon and gifts given by Bob Lane. The Lane-Salmon Fund is a legacy of the Northwest Region. The Clergy Scholarship Fund is made possible by the former Montana Region who established the fund and generously ensured the principle would be carried forward by the Northern Lights Region.

More about Bob Lane and Donald Salmon

Bob Lane - Born in Yakima, Bob grew up under the mentorship of Orval D. Peterson at First Christian Church. Bob graduated from Northwest Christian College (1956) and Drake Divinity School (1960). He served churches in Iowa and Bremerton Westpark, Opportunity, and interims at Everett and Queen Anne.

Bob owned and successfully operated the Lane Mortgage Company until Parkinson's forced him to close the business. In the successful period of his business he was inspired to provide for the needs of clergy and he and his wife Pam founded the Lane Fund and funded it for many years.

This Fund bought fuel in the winter when there was no money to fill the tank, treatment for a blind minister, food, rent when a minister was behind because of a meager salary, and counseling.

Even near the end of his life he would briefly attend Turner Lectures to visit with friends and colleagues. He died in 2007.

Donald Salmon - Donald was born in Buffalo, NY and educated at Bethany College (1927) and Yale Divinity School (1930). He was honored with a Doctor of Divinity degree by Bethany College. After serving student churches in West Virginia and Connecticut Don served full-time pastorates at Bellaire, Ohio, Eureka, Illinois, and Seattle First Christian.

While in Illinois Dr. Salmon was a Trustee of Eureka College and served on the faculty. He served as President of the Illinois State Convention. He was a member of the state Christian Education Commission.

One of his passions was evangelism. He served on the Commission on Evangelism of the Seattle Council of Churches and the National Council of Churches. When he concluded his ministry in Seattle Don served seven years as Executive Secretary of Commission on Evangelism of the Christian Church.

Upon retiring in 1967 he served as interim minister for churches in Washington, New Mexico, Arizona, and Vancouver BC. He died in 1976.



It is the policy of the Northern Lights Region to request that all services of ordination and installations take an offering to benefit the Lane-Salmon & Clergy Scholarship Funds.

During October, the Celebration of Ministry Month, a region-wide appeal to add to the funds is made. This allows the Region to continue the essential ministry of supporting pastors

during times of need and while they pursue education. Gifts received are divided equally between the Lane-Salmon Clergy Assistance and Clergy Scholarship Funds.