



West Ohio Conference

Benefits Grant Application

To support our local churches during this unprecedented time, the Conference will provide benefit grants up to the lesser of 3 months of total benefit payments or \$3,500, to help offset the cost of clergy benefits.

Example A: First UMC has a half-time local pastor with a monthly pension bill of \$300. The Conference would grant three months of pension payments, or \$900, to the church to cover the cost of those pension payments.

Example B: Second UMC has one full-time elder with a monthly pension bill of \$1,000 and a family 3 health insurance plan bill of \$2,697 for a total monthly due amount of \$3,697. The Conference would grant a maximum of \$3,500 to help cover the cost of those benefit payments.

Eligibility: Your church currently has a pastor(s) on the Conference health insurance and/or retirement plan and are being billed by the Conference.

Duration: Applications will be accepted from March 23rd through August 31st or until the funds are exhausted, whichever is earlier.

Need: This is a needs-based grant with the goal of helping those churches with the greatest hardship.

Process:

1. Please complete the information below and return to Mike Kremnitzer, Director of Benefits and HR at mkremnitzer@wocumc.org or 32 Wesley Blvd, Worthington, OH 43085.
2. The Conference will ACH the funds to the church's bank account as soon as administratively possible. This means we must have your banking information. If we do not have your banking information, you must complete an ACH form along with this application.
3. These funds must be used to help pay your regularly scheduled benefits statement.
4. The Conference will continue to ACH payments as normal. No further action from the church required.



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Date _____

Church Name _____

Church Number (GCFA) _____

Clergy Name(s) _____

Grant Amount Requested _____

Print Name _____

Signature of Clergy or Church Treasurer _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Questions can be sent to Mike Kremnitzer at mkremnitzer@wocumc.org or you can call (614) 505-7430.