

Criteria

- The minister must have authorization for ministry in an Association or Conference of the United Church of Christ.
- The congregation must enroll the minister in the UCC Life Insurance and Disability Income (LIDI) Benefit Plan at the expense of the congregation (1.5% of pastor's annual salary basis).
- The minister must qualify for enrollment in the various benefit plans subject to the normal enrollment criteria of the Pension Boards.

Application Process & Eligibility

- Congregations may apply through their Conferences on behalf of their pastors. Applications are accepted from January through August, with an annual deadline of September.
- Once a candidate is approved by Faith INFO/LCM, they must then apply and be accepted into the applicable Pension Boards benefit plan in order to receive the grant.

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New and Renewed CHURCHES GRANT

In partnership with the Conferences and Local Church Ministries (LCM) of the United Church of Christ, the United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA), the philanthropic arm of the Pension Boards–United Church of Christ, has committed to support new local churches through **New and Renewed Church Grants**.

A three-year grant to assist the church with a portion of the funds needed to meet its employer's commitment to the benefits of the leading pastor as selected during enrollment with the Pension Boards.

The amount awarded is at the discretion of Faith INFO/LCM, with a maximum of \$10,000 awarded in the first year of the grant. The grant amount will decrease in each subsequent program year until the end of the grant cycle.

For the disbursement of the grant to become effective, the church must complete the pastor's registration with the Pension Boards and maintain the account balance at zero by December 31 of each grant year.