

SOME GRANT MAKING BODIES AND SOURCES OF FUNDING

It is sometimes helpful to tailor your application to target the specific terms of the trust, and the criteria set by the trustees. The CME Adviser can offer advice about some of these.

A number, like EIG or St Boniface, ask for a letter from an Archdeacon or Bishop in support.

Trusts and grant-making bodies are experiencing increasing demands on their resources, so early application is likely to be helpful to you.

Culham Education Foundation

grants up to £1,000 to people wishing to pursue studies in RE or theology with a view to teaching these subjects in schools, or to those undertaking projects or research into these subjects with a practical application to teaching in schools. Applications to be submitted by 28 February for the following academic year.

Clerk to the Trustees, Culham Educational Foundation, 60 East St Helen Street, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 5EB

The Philip Usher Memorial Fund

Major scholarships to clergy and ordinands only, restricted to applicants under 36 years of age who wish to study the Eastern Orthodox Church. Applications by 31 December

The Honorary Secretary, Council for Christian Unity

Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3 NZ Roxburgh Scholarship for Priests

Awarded annually to provide ordained women with opportunities for professional development outside England (lasting at least 6 weeks).

Revd Canon Peter Kerr, 01905 620950

Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund

An academic trust for university graduates who are accepted as candidates for Holy Orders in the Church of England and for ordained clergy taking post-graduate studies.

The Clerk to the Cleaver Trust, St Matthew's Clergy House, 20 St Peter Street, London SW1P 2BU

The English Clergy Association

Main focus is to help clergy with holidays. Therefore, emphasise the "rest from duty" holiday element of your study leave as the main thrust for the application, thus freeing other funds for studies.

The Revd John Masding, The Old School House, Norton Hawkfield, nr Pensford, Bristol BS39 4HB

St Luke's College Foundation

personal awards principally given to individuals who are undertaking postgraduate studies or research leading to a higher degree or diploma in RE or theology. Applications by 1 Feb or 1 September.

Professor Michael Bond, Heathayne, Colyton, EX24 6RS

St Deiniol's Library

Discounts to clergy and students as well as sabbatical rates and a limited number of scholarships and bursaries for those who wish to research read or write at St Deiniol's.

The Revd Peter Francis, St Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, Flintshire
CH5 3DF

General Synod Board of Mission

Small grants. More likely to assist with expenses books and travel than with fees.

The Administrative Secretary, Board of Mission,
Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3 NZ

Trust Funds

Small grants are made from Trust Funds to members of the Church of England towards the cost of a variety of projects, including periods of sabbatical leave, for the study of mission or mission issues. The closing date for applications for each year is 16 November for projects beginning during the following year.

The Administrative Secretary, Board of Mission,
Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3 NZ

The European Bursary Trust

Grants for travel to study a church and country within Europe. Apply before 31 December for the following year.

The Revd Ian Holdcroft, The Vicarage, 780 Whitchurch Lane
Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0EU

The Greenwood Travelling Fund

Administered by the Fidelity Trust Ltd for Anglican clergy temporarily disabled or in need of rest or change for the purpose of enabling them to visit the Holy Land, preferably Lower Palestine.

Mr Bernard Moss, 20 The Highway, Sutton, Surrey SM2 5QT

E.I.O. Centenary Bursary Scheme

Grants awarded to clergy who are full-time and with at least 10 years' stipendiary service. opportunities to pursue a work-related line of enquiry. Bishop's support required. Closing date 30 September for following year. Application forms from David Tilley

or Miss Jo Enefer, Ecclesiastical Insurance Group,
Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1JZ

Harkness Fellowships

Fellowship awards include return fares to USA (inc. families), living allowances, tuition, travel within USA for those who want to undertake a course of study in certain specific topics. Applicants generally between 20 and 40 years. Further details about how to apply from David Tilley.

The Maple Leaf Fellowship

Grants to assist the development of links between the Church of England and the Anglican Church in Canada. Will assist clergy who wish to spend time with the Anglican Church in Canada.

Enquiries: The Secretary, The Maple Leaf Fellowship, St Mary's House, The Close, Lichfield, Staffs.

All Saints Educational Trust

In some cases quite generous grants. Keen on educational research, especially religious education. Unlikely to support overseas visits unless essential to study topic. Priority to imaginative church-based projects in further or higher education. Will support degree courses and post-graduate research. Application by 31 January is crucial. Considered in March.

St Katherine Cree Church, 86 Leadenhall Street,
London EC3A 3DH

The Hockerill Education Foundation

Supports the teaching of Religious Education, especially non-statutory adult education. Applicants need to be clearly engaged with teaching or be seeking a qualification with intention of practising as a teacher. Strict closing date for applications 1 March.

Hockerill Educational Foundation, 16 Hagsdell Road, Hertford
SG13 8AG Tel: 01992 303053

The Henry Martyn Trust

Enables UK Christians to obtain experience of life and work of the church overseas, but applicants should have some links with Cambridge and be under 40. Applications considered in November each year.

The Secretary, The Henry Martyn Trust, 11 Carlyle Road,
Cambridge CB4 3DN

The Saltley Trust

To develop theological study and research (preferably action based) in the West Midlands. Bishop Colin is Chair. They do not usually give grants to individuals, but fund groups doing research.

Miss M Pickup, Grays Court, 3 Nursery Road, Edgbaston,
Birmingham B15 3JX

The Cleaver Ordination Candidates' Fund

A Catholic trust willing to help further or advanced theological study. Keen to assist in developing the field of theological scholarship.

The Revd Dr Peter Lynn, The Vicarage, Firle, Lewes,
East Sussex BN8 6NP

The Provost Howard Fund

Awards for theological study for understanding and promoting ecumenism & for practical projects on reconciliation and international understanding. Applicants must demonstrate substantial involvement of other churches. Deadline: June.

The Precentor, Coventry Cathedral, 7 Priory Row,
Coventry CV1 5ES

Lambeth Ecumenical Studentships

Awards of up to £500 available to enable clergy to travel in Europe and elsewhere to study other Christian churches. The awards are competitive and only one will be awarded each year. Closing date for applications – 31 March. Successful student will be notified in the summer in time for the following academic year. Contact David Tilley or:

Canon Stephen Platten, Lambeth Palace, London SE1 7JU

Women's Continuing Ministerial Education Trust

Three Trusts formerly known as Central Deaconess House Trust Fund, the St Andrews House Fund and the Church of England Deaconess Fund have been amalgamated to form this new body. The following are eligible to apply: ordained women, female Accredited Lay Workers, Church Army Sisters, religious sisters (lay and ordained). Application form from David Tilley, to be returned direct to him for endorsement and forwarding. Applications usually considered quarterly. Amounts usually under £500.

Friends of the Clergy Corporation

Holiday grants. They will in approved cases make a grant every two years and they can be quite substantial. Also caretaker grants if you live in an unsafe area and need to employ someone to look after your home while you are away. Each case is decided on need, but if your spouse is earning a small amount it is still worth applying.

27 Medway Street, Westminster, London SW1P 2BD

Tel: 020 7222 2288

The Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy no longer offer help with Sabbaticals, courses or holidays. For information on what they may help with, ask David Tilley for a leaflet.

St Boniface's Trust

Grants especially for the provision of education and training of clergy and ministers and lay persons. Sabbaticals that emphasise fallow time and being freed from the demands of the usual daily routine regarded sympathetically. Committee meets January, May, September and November. Particular emphasis currently on overseas projects.

Peter J L Binns, 3 Coppice Close, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9EL

Josephine Butler Memorial Trust

Will give financial assistance to men and women for study which relates theology to social work and/or the Social Services, whether theoretical or practical. Apply before 31 January each year.

Application forms from the Clerk, c/o Messrs Gamon Arden & Co., Solicitors, 1 Hanover Street, Liverpool L1 3DW

St Aidan's Scholarship

The St Aidan's College Charity offers an annual scholarship of £400 to enable an ordained priest or deacon in the Church of England to spend a term of sabbatical study at the Urban Mission Centre in Gateshead in the Diocese of Durham. The Urban Mission Centre is a limb of Cranmer Hall, a theological college in Durham which trains men and women for ministry in the Church of England, and which forms part of St John's College. The scholarship of £400 is intended to cover rent, light, heat, food and tuition at the Urban Mission Centre.

The Revd Dr Peter Wilcox, Director of the Urban Mission Centre,
St Columba House, Peterborough Close, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 1RB

The Max Warren Memorial Fund

Makes grants of about £200 to those who wish to prepare themselves for ministry to people of another faith by living for a period in that faith community. Applications to:

The Interchange Programmes Adviser, CMS, Partnership House,
157 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8XA.

The Priscilla Trust

Audrey and Tony Pinkney have created a family charity trust which makes available a cottage in the Dordogne for full time clergy undertaking sabbaticals and their families. The accommodation is free and guests are often met on site by the owners and welcomed personally. Further details from David Tilley or

The Priscilla Trust, 45 Ashley Gardens, Ambrosden Avenue,
London SW1P 1QF Tel:020 7828 8427

Resources from USPG/CMS

Sabbatical Schemes – USPG and CMS have sabbatical schemes to arrange placements with churches abroad for periods of about three months. These include preliminary briefing before departure and debriefing on return. Some help towards costs may be given. Where the area to be visited is already known, application should be made to the Society which relates to the Church in that area. Either Society is willing to advise on the choice of a Church to visit appropriate to the objects of the sabbatical.

Subir Biswas Bursary

The object of the award is to enable a suitable candidate to visit Latin America, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean or the Pacific, to study the local church in its missionary and other policies and the context within which it works.

Revd Philip Wetherell, USPG, Partnership House, 157 Waterloo Road, SE1 8XA