

"Before graduating in 1991 I also chose to take one unit of C.P.E. I thought I had performed hospital ministry well before but that unit of C.P.E. gave me a better understanding of the day to day operation of a hospital and how I fit into it. I now more effectively minister to my parishioners who are hospitalized and I have an open door to minister to the medical staff as well."
- Chaplain Rev. Dennis R. Cole, MDiv., BCC



Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) helped to increase my competence, increase my compassion, and to increase my confidence for ministry. With respect to competence, CPE helped me to establish boundaries for my life. Compassion for hurting people was increased by bringing awareness to the biases I had downloaded into my life over time. And my confidence was increased through CPE by refining God's gifts in my life. I first entered CPE thinking I had everything to offer and nothing much to learn. The gift of God was that I realized the opposite was true.
- Rev. Mike Harris



CPE gave me a new perspective on pastoral care and helped to center me at a time when many things were changing in my life. I highly recommend it to anyone who provides pastoral care in a church or in another ministry setting.
- Chaplain Rev. Steve Shick



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NOTE: To assist in processing your application in a timely manner, please mail one month prior to the beginning of your CPE training.



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CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

A Unique Educational Grant for Qualifying Michigan Pastors



Pastoral Health Ministry

General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) began in 1925 as a form of theological education that takes place not exclusively in academic classrooms, but also in clinical settings where ministry is practiced. CPE is offered in many settings: in hospitals and health care facilities including university, children's and veterans' facilities; in psychiatric and community care facilities; in workplace settings; in hospice, geriatric and rehabilitation centers; and in congregational parish-based settings. The textbooks for CPE include in-depth study of the "the living human documents." By "living human documents," we mean the people who receive care and the care-givers. Through the practice of ministry and the reflection of a supervisor and peers, the experiential learning of CPE takes place. <http://acpe.edu/>

This grant initiative is intended to assist and encourage Michigan Pastors to enhance their pastoral skills by acquiring one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

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How Many Grants are Available?

- A limited number of grants will be made each calendar year and until available funds are exhausted

What is the amount of the assistance grant?

- The amount of grant assistance will be equitably determined on a 'case-by-case' basis. This is because tuition costs will vary depending upon:
 1. The CPE Center one chooses to attend, and
 2. The amount of grant funds available when one's request for assistance is received
- All grant requests will be reviewed and acted upon by the Pastoral Health Ministry on a 'first come first served' basis

Who qualifies to receive grant assistance?

- Credentialed Church of God ministers, pastoral staff, and professional chaplains serving in Michigan at the time of the grant application, whose congregations give financial support to the Church of God in Michigan
- One who has served on the pastoral staff of a Michigan congregation for at least three years

May a pastor's Lifelong Learning Matching Funds be used to help pay for one's CPE?

- Yes; in addition to the grant, pastors may use money from their Lifelong Learning Matching Funds account.

Application Process:

1. The applicant contacts the accredited CPE Center of his/her choice for enrollment information, costs and application forms, etc. Forward a copy of this same information, along with the completed grant application, to the Church of God in Michigan. If additional information is needed, someone from the Service Center Staff will contact the applicant. For a list of Michigan Accredited CPE/ Centers: <http://acpe.edu/DirectoriesRegionsEastCentral.html#MI>
2. Upon receipt of applicant's completed Ministry Renewal Endowment application (<http://www.choginmi.org/ministryrenewalendowment>), enrollment information, and tuition costs, the Church of God in Michigan will inform the applicant of the amount of grant assistance that can be given. It is hoped that the amount granted will encourage the applicant to follow through and enroll in the CPE program.
3. When the applicant's enrollment in the CPE program is completed and the applicant has been accepted into the program, the applicant must send a copy of their letter of acceptance to the Church of God in Michigan.
4. When the Church of God in Michigan receives the applicant's letter of acceptance, a check in the amount of the applicant's assistance grant will be sent to the CPE training center along with a cover letter. A copy of the cover letter will also be sent to the applicant.

