

History

The Rev. Dr. David E. Culley was for many years Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Western (now Pittsburgh) Theological Seminary. On his retirement he moved to a lake property at Syracuse, Indiana, and became a member of what was then the Presbytery of Wabash River, Synod of Indiana, United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

His concern for ministerial students continued and he gave expression to that concern through many years of service on Presbytery's Committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

Upon his death his widow, Mrs. Helen Culley, began to put into effect their joint plans for continuing the expression of the concern for ministers by giving their property on Lake Wawasee to the Presbytery. Presbytery sold the property and established the David E. and Helen C. Culley Memorial Fund.

On the realignment of the presbyteries of Indiana, an independent 501-C-3 Non-Profit corporation was formed to administer the Fund.

Purpose

The Culley Fund was established in 1972 and our purpose today is to assist ordained clergy, commissioned lay pastors, and Christian educators in the funding of their continuing education.

However, funding for formal education costs leading to a degree is not the fund's primary purpose.

Donations to the Culley Fund for its stated purpose may be sent to the treasurer at the address listed.

Limitations

1. Only income from the principal amount of the Fund can be used.
2. The Directors of the Fund ordinarily will not decide the merits of an educational program, and will support only those persons whose educational plans have been approved by the appropriate committee of their presbyteries.
3. The geographic area to be served shall be determined by the Directors of the Fund, but the area shall always include the churches of the former Presbytery of Wabash River. The area now being served is that included in the Presbyteries of Wabash Valley and Whitewater Valley of the Synod of Lincoln Trails.
4. Assistance is ordinarily limited to not more than \$800 to any one individual in any calendar year, and total grant allocations of not more than \$3,200.00.
5. Assistance is ordinarily limited to not more than 75% of the total cost of one's educational program.
6. Applications should ordinarily be in the hands of the Secretary two months prior to the beginning of the program.

Applications for funds should be mailed to the appropriate committee of either of the following presbyteries:

Application Process

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Phone: 1-574-223-5678
www.ourpresbytery.org

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