

Pastoral Studies Distance Education

Possible Sources for Financial Aid

Registrants are expected to make arrangements to secure funds for their study program. Prospective students are invited to contact the office of the director of Pastoral Studies Distance Education to discuss specific situations.

1. Except for unusual circumstances the applicant is expected to pay a portion of the tuition, e.g. \$50 minimum. (The amount could range from \$50 to the full tuition, and is determined by the applicant's ability to pay.) The assumption underlying this approach is that all students should pay something toward the cost of their education.
2. Since congregations and/or conferences benefit when leaders are educated and trained, we encourage them to provide financial assistance to individuals interested in being equipped for leadership.
3. Leaders in African American Mennonite Association congregations may apply to the Lark Program for financial assistance. Lark applications may be downloaded online at www.aamamcusa.org. Contact Cynthia Guyton: pastor@calvarycommunity.org.
4. Native American students relating to a congregation within Native Mennonite Ministries who wish to apply for NET (Native Education and Training) funds should contact Native Mennonite Ministries, Staff: Carol Roth, Staff Leader, Native Mennonite Ministries, 1300 Beverly Drive, Clinton, MS 39056-3503; 601-924-0000; mcroth5@comcast.net.
5. Mennonite Church Canada has a Study Reserve Fund called the Company of 1000. The description follows: "The Study Reserve Fund is established to support the training of pastors for the congregations of Mennonite Church Canada. Money from the fund is used to reduce the personal cost of preparation for ministry and to encourage pastors and pastoral candidates to attend preferred schools through the granting of forgivable loans. Funding for the Study Reserve Fund comes from a group of several hundred annual contributors known as "The Company of 1000." The Fund is administered by the Denominational Minister of Mennonite Church Canada in consultation with the Area Church Ministers."

Canadians studying at AMBS and other schools can qualify for loans, based on their program of study and their need for funds. Details and an application form are available at:
<http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/23/7944>

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