



Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy Paul R. Ondr Fund

The Paul R. Ondr Fund was established by agreement between the presbytery and the session of First Presbyterian Church of Saint Louis, University City, Missouri, on June 26, 1969 in response to a gift of \$18,765 from Joseph Ondr.

The fund provides loans and grants to qualified candidates for ministry of Word and Sacrament under care of the presbytery that are pursuing post-graduate training in church-approved institutions.

As originally established the screening committee consisted of the chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, a member of the session of First Church of St. Louis, the Stated Clerk of presbytery, and Joseph O. Ondr (ex officio). Mr. Ondr's death necessitated a change in the agreement. At that time the session of First of Saint Louis also proposed a change in the screening committee.

The presbytery on November 17, 2001 approved the Mission Council's recommendation to concur with the recommendation of the session of First of Saint Louis with the concurrence of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to amend the Paul R. Ondr Fund agreement by changing the screening committee to include: the chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, two active members of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry appointed by the committee each August, the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, and the presbytery staff liaison to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (ex officio).

Application Process

Candidates and Inquirers under care of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy may apply for financial assistance from the presbytery through the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The committee will consult with individuals under care of Presbytery each June. Applications for financial aid will be distributed to those under care in July, to be received at Presbytery by early August. Separate applications for Ondr Fund have not been required. The CPM chair and/or presbytery staff liaison will review applications for completeness and verify information as necessary. The CPM Financial Aid Committee/Screen Committee will meet and review applications before the August CPM meeting. Current forms document other sources of income or assistance sought. Contact with student's institution may be made at discretion of Financial Aid Committee. Awards will be approved at August CPM meeting and disbursed in September (and December).

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