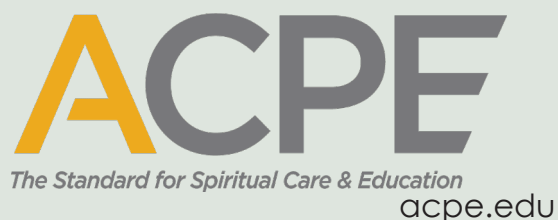


Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) began in 1925 as a form of theological education that takes place not exclusively in academic classrooms, but also in clinical settings where ministry is practiced. CPE is offered in many settings: in hospitals and health care facilities including university, children's 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.



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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**

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).

Clinical Pastoral Education:

- Helps pastors become comfortable using Family Systems Theory
- Develops skills in Pastoral Counseling
- Teaches pastors how to deal redemptively with conflict
- Enhances pastoral care to the congregation
- Helps pastors become more comfortable doing hospital visitation

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: the CPE Center one chooses to attend, and 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?

Ministers licensed or ordained by the Church of God, vocationally employed as staff in a congregation or other parachurch ministry organization, in good standing with the Church of God through involvement in a local congregation or our state ministry for at least three years.

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

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 Accredited CPE/Centers: <https://acpe.edu/programs/accreditation>.

2. Upon receipt of applicant's completed Ministry Renewal Endowment application (micog.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.

Please send your application/correspondence to micog@micog.org or USPS to Church of God in Michigan, 4212 Alpha Street, Lansing, Michigan 48910.

NOTE: To assist in processing your application in a timely manner, please email three months prior to the beginning of your CPE training.