



Mission Statement

Equipping the local congregation to extend the Kingdom of God.

Vision Statement

A growing family of healthy, accountable Church of God congregations producing visionary leaders who are extending the Kingdom of God in Michigan.

Focused on:

- Pastoral Health
- Church Health
- Leadership Development

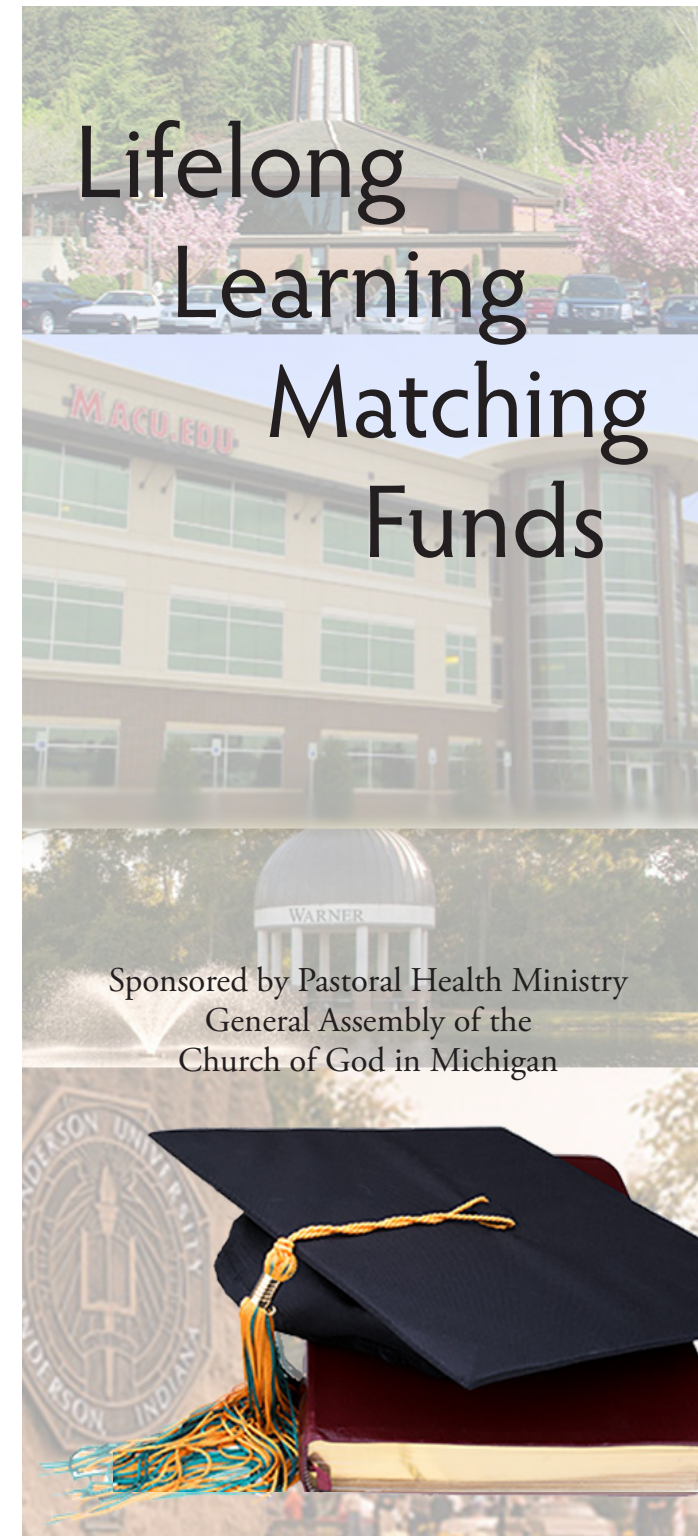
Helping churches and pastors set people free to love God and one another.

Core Values of Pastoral Health Ministry Helping Ministers

1. Helping ministers keep on the cutting edge.
2. Providing emotional, psychological, and spiritual support to ministers and their families.
3. Connecting ministers to safe and healthy environments.
4. Strengthening ministerial marriages.
5. Finding new ways to provide healing, teaching, and training for ministers.



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Lifelong Learning Matching Funds

Sponsored by Pastoral Health Ministry
General Assembly of the
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Introduction

In creating and developing this program, the Pastoral Health Ministry is seeking to help pastors take advantage of the resources available for their educational enrichment. The purpose is to enhance a minister's knowledge, skills, and academic training.

Eligibility

Candidates for Lifelong Learning Matching Funds shall be credentialed Church of God pastors, associate pastors, chaplains, and credentialed Church of God ministers serving in Church of God and non-Church of God congregations in Michigan.

The Plan

A congregation makes a deposit with the General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan in the name of their senior or associate pastor(s). Using both the B. Gale Hetrick Memorial Endowment and the General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan's general budget, the Pastoral Health Ministry will match the deposit up to \$150.00 per year. Therefore a \$150.00 deposit by a congregation for their minister will be matched with \$150.00, providing \$300.00 in the minister's Lifelong Learning Matching Funds account. The money can be used for any training/educational experience. It is not to be used for inspirational events like Praise Gatherings, concerts, Camp Meetings, Pastor's Fellowship, retreats, and the General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan's annual meeting. A congregation may deposit more in Lifelong Learning Matching Funds than the initial \$150.00, but only \$150.00 will be matched. A church may deposit in their minister's name each year for three years without the money being used. If, after three years, the minister has not used some of their funds for education, no additional monies will be allowed to be deposited until some money is used. In any case no one's account is to exceed \$1,000.00.

The monies the Church deposits into the account belongs to the Church and the matching dollars belong to the General Assembly of the Church of God in Michigan. Monies given by the local church will be attributed to the general giving of that congregation to the Church of God in Michigan. If a minister leaves his/her congregation, the money will remain on account for the congregations' next minister.

If there is a question about the validity of an event the minister wants to apply Lifelong Learning Matching Funds to, the Executive Committee of the Pastoral Health Ministry will make the final call.

It is recommended a minister use his/her Lifelong Learning account for a wide range of educational events. Therefore, Lifelong Learning Matching Funds money should not be used for more than two of the exact same educational opportunities without special arrangements with the Pastoral Health Ministry.

Qualifying Experiences:

- Catalyst
- Conferences and training at Anderson University
- Anderson School of Theology, Warner University, and other accredited Online programs
- Exponential
- Injoy Institutes
- InService Training Institute
- Institute for Servant Leadership
- Lecture Tours on Biblical Subjects, Church History or Theology
- School of Ministry One-Day Seminars
- Willow Creek
- Youth Specialties

A person using funds for pursuing a degree (a degree program in an academic institution) could use the funds for several years because course offerings from semester/term/year would offer emphasis in various areas.

It is not appropriate for Lifelong Learning Matching Funds to be used for the North American Convention of the Church of God, camp meetings, or ministers' meetings such as General Assembly, Pastors' Fellowship, etc.

How To Get The Plan Started

Submit payment to the Church of God in Michigan either with a check/money order, or PayPal. Direct PayPal payment(s) to e-mail, choginmi@choginmi.org. Mail check(s)/money order(s) payable to Church of God in Michigan, 4212 Alpha Street, Lansing, Michigan 48910-0711.

Lifelong Learning Matching Funds Confirmation Form

As a part of your responsibility for the use of Lifelong Learning Matching Funds, you are required to submit this form within a period of ten (10) days following the completion of the education experience. Submit and return to the Church of God in Michigan, 4212 Alpha Street, Lansing, MI 48910, fax 517-393-7607 or e-mail choginmi@choginmi.org.

Title of Program for which funds were used: _____

Location of the Program: _____

Date(s) of Program: _____

How were the funds used:

Tuition/registration \$ _____

Travel \$ _____

Food and Lodging \$ _____

Books/materials \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Please Check One Box

This is a pre-request for funding of the above experience.

This is a post-request for reimbursement of expenditures in the above experience, and a report.

This is a report only of funds expended in the above experience.

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