



ELIGIBILITY

- A. Full-time active and ordained United Methodist deacons, elders and local pastors are eligible to apply.
- B. The clergyperson must:
 - a. Be in good standing,
 - b. Physically reside within the geographical boundaries of The Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for the duration of the loan, and
 - c. Never have filed for bankruptcy.

PROGRAM TERMS

- A. Loan approval is based on the ability to repay, not a credit score, as determined by the certified financial planner or chartered financial consultant working with the clergyperson.
- B. Loans will not be considered for:
 - a. IRS debt,
 - b. Refinancing graduate or post-graduate education, or
 - c. Refinancing personal loans from the Wespath pension plan.
- C. Consolidation loans for consumer debt will be available for up to \$50,000 for 10 years at a fixed simple interest rate, although the rate applied will be the Florida United Methodist Foundation Development Fund investor rate in effect at the time of the loan closing, less 0.25% (25 basis points). For example, if the investor rate is 2.25%, the loan rate would be 2.00%
- D. All loan payments must be made via ACH (automatically) from a checking or savings account.
- E. Financial counseling by a certified financial planner or chartered financial consultant is required prior to loan approval and during the loan term.
- F. If the clergyperson is married, the spouse is required to participate in financial counseling.
- G. Life insurance on the clergyperson for the loan amount and during the loan term will be required. The Florida United Methodist Foundation will be the owner and beneficiary of the policy. The premium will be paid by the clergyperson and part of the monthly loan payment. When the debt is paid, the Florida United Methodist Foundation will terminate ownership of the policy or transfer it to the clergyperson.
- H. The clergyperson will be required to annually provide a 3-in-1 credit report to the Florida United Methodist Foundation. The expense of the report will be paid by the clergyperson.
- I. Taking out another loan or opening another credit line will be considered a violation of the promissory note, and the clergyperson could be considered in default.
- J. Any default on the loan will be reported immediately to the Florida United Methodist Foundation, Florida Annual Conference and relevant credit agencies.

PROCESS

- A. **A completed loan application must be submitted by the clergyperson and spouse.**
- B. Loan approval will be from a team consisting of a certified financial planner or chartered financial consultant, the Florida United Methodist Foundation president or representative, and the Florida Conference treasurer or representative.
- C. The Florida United Methodist Foundation will not charge participants to service the loans.

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