

Our Caring for Churches Caring for Clergy program was inspired by our United Church Board of Ministerial Assistance in conjunction with our board of directors because it addresses a number of needs for our local churches and local clergy. We have had tremendous response and success with our Mission Grants program and we envision additional support coming from this mission by involving their members in conference committees sharing information, ideas, conversation and inspiring hope to our local churches. It was also motivated by the tremendous passion of our Conference Minister for reaching out and helping our local churches, many of which are struggling financially. It is also our great hope that from this collaborative effort it sparks a new level of enthusiasm within our local churches.

The final rationale comes from the fact that we have a number of our members who have reached that stage in life where they are considering their living legacy both here and within our congregations. Since our endowment program has been functioning for several years, thanks to our previous benefactors, we have both the expertise the mechanism with which to manage such additional endowments as they may become available. The Board does not wish to engage in competition with our local churches, this is strictly a matter of wanting to communicate to our members who may choose to take advantage of this program to leave a living legacy for future generations. It is with that thought in mind that we wish to share this opportunity with folks who maybe looking to do something in this way.