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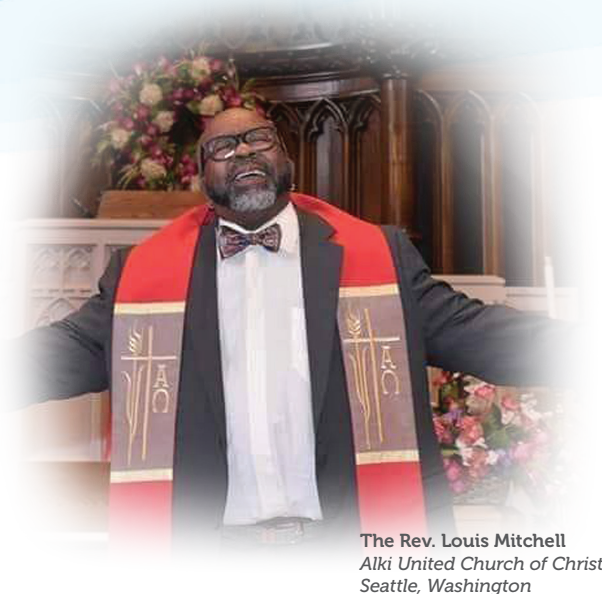
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Financial Justice for Ministers

Our Ministers In Need

Personal debt has reached crisis proportions among authorized ministers in the United Church of Christ. Seminary debt, limited income, and lack of financial education were identified by General Synod in 2013 as critical issues facing our church leaders.

Since then the problem has only deepened, with our ministers' financial security growing more tenuous.



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A First Step

In 2017, with a jumpstart from the Lilly Endowment, the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ created the Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI), a program of financial education, debt-reduction, and personal empowerment around money management.

Participants receive training from financial experts, the support of a cohort of peers, \$9,000 for debt reduction, and \$1,000 seed money for a retirement account.

The New Standard

The UCC Board of Directors has affirmed MFVI as a first step in addressing this systemic concern, and in 2019 General Minister and President John Dorhauer and Pension Boards CEO Brian Bodager agreed to jointly raise \$3 million to ensure the program's sustainability.

Funds raised will be used to establish an endowment fund which will help guarantee the long-term viability of this program.

The financial security of our pastors is a justice issue. MFVI provides crucial first steps towards a future where just compensation and freedom from indebtedness are standard in our church.



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