



ELCA Fund for Leaders

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The **ELCA Fund for Leaders** is the seminary scholarship program of our church supporting future leaders of tremendous promise studying at one of the seven seminaries of the ELCA to become pastors or deacons in the church.



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ELCA Fund for Leaders exists to:

- Invest in students who are called and gifted for ministry.
- Remove as many obstacles to attending seminary as possible.
- Reduce the educational debt of seminary graduates.

Our vision is to one day fully fund tuition for **all** ELCA rostered minister candidates studying at our ELCA seminaries.



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From 2009-10 to 2018-19:

- 40% Decrease Seminary Enrollment.
- 30% Increase in Average Full-Tuition, to \$17,108/year.
- Cost of Attendance Is Now \$42,500/year.

Assignment & Call, February 2019:

- 71 candidates available for 258 full-time, first calls



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- This past academic year, the Fund for Leaders supported **254 students** with **over \$2,600,000 in scholarships**.
- A \$3,000,000 gift from one donor enabled us to add 20 more full-tuition scholarships each year, for three years.
- A total of 50 new full-tuition scholarships were awarded for 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- Full-tuition scholarships are awarded through a direct application process, with awards following students to whichever ELCA seminary they attend.



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Investing in the future of our church is at the heart of ***Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA***

- As of March 31, 2019, revenue and outstanding commitments received total \$18,370,309, or 122.5% of our Campaign goal of \$15 million.



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Value of Fund for Leaders Endowments (As of March 31, 2019)

ELCA Fund for Leaders Endowment:	\$39,577,501
Synodical Fund for Leaders Endowments:	\$17,013,892
Congregational Fund for Leaders Endowments:	<u>\$ 1,422,790</u>
Total:	\$58,014,183

Providing:

- Full-tuition Scholarships
- Mission Developer/ Redeveloper Scholarships
- Federal Chaplaincy Ministries Scholarships
- Synodical Scholarships
- Congregational Scholarships



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Value of Florida-Bahamas Synod-Associated Fund for Leaders Endowments

As of March 31, 2019

Synod Fund for Leaders Endowments:	\$107,485.49
Synod WELCA Fund for Leaders Endowment:	\$ 69,422.43



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Fund for Leaders Scholarship Recipients Supported in 2018-19

<u>Name</u>	<u>Scholarship Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Jeffrey Geiger	Florida-Bahamas Synod FFL Scholarship	Wartburg
Ian McMichael	ELCA Fund for Leaders – Full-tuition Scholarship	Trinity
Chelsey Olson	Florida-Bahamas Synod FFL Scholarship	LSTC
Trixie Richter	Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA Scholarship	Wartburg
Matthew Shapton	Mission Developer/Redeveloper Scholarship	Wartburg
Lois Ann Sorensen	Florida-Bahamas Women of the ELCA Scholarship	Luther
Teresa Stewart	ELCA Fund for Leaders – Full-tuition Scholarship	Wartburg
Callie Torres	Mission Developer/Redeveloper Scholarship	Pacific



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Callie Torres

Will Kittinger



Nicole Eastwood

Teresa Stewart



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Pastor Mark Bernthal



Pastor Eric Wester



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We ask you to...

- Pray for the future leaders of our church.
- Encourage those gifted for ministry to consider whether or not they are being called to public ministry.
- Tell the story of Fund for Leaders.
- Financially support the Fund for Leaders.



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Fund for Leaders Class of 2018



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