

## Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy Program

We are very excited about the progress we are making with the generosity of our supporters. People are very passionate about helping our churches in the Penn West Conference. We currently have over \$175,000 of the \$500,000 goal, given and pledged. 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 needs of 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 the members of our conference committees sharing information, ideas, conversation, and inspiring hope to our local churches. The final rationale comes from the fact that we have several of our members who have reached that stage in life when 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, with the help of our Investment and Endowment Committee we have both the expertise the mechanism with which to manage such additional endowments as God may bless us with them. 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 may be looking to do something in this way. Call the conference office if you would like someone to get in contact with you to discuss the different options available.

Submitted by,

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