Thank you to the people of for making an investment in the future of the church through the ELCA Fund for Leaders. We are grateful for your partnership!

In the 2018-2019 academic year, ELCA Fund for Leaders provided more than $2.6 million in support to more than 250 future deacons and pastors. Thank you for your role in ensuring these future leaders can be freed from debt so they can go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

**Students supported in 2018-2019**
We are grateful that the has provided a total of in scholarship awards since its inception. During the 2018-2019 academic year, you provided a total of in scholarship support to:

We are grateful that the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod has provided a total of $32,366.61 in scholarship awards since its inception. During the 2018-2019 academic year, you provided a total of $4,200.00 in scholarship support to:

*Austin Nickel - $1,000.00 - Wartburg Theological Seminary
*William Saed - $3,200.00 - Wartburg Theological Seminary

**Additional information about your fund:**

Current market value: $99,313.31
New gifts given to your fund in 2018: $3,151.69

**Total Award Amount available for 2019-2020**
For the 2019-2020 academic year, you can award $4,200.00. We have calculated this number conservatively to ensure that all promised scholarships can be paid during both semesters, even if the market fluctuates.

**Award Process**
Please read the Guidelines for Synod Scholarship Funds carefully for instructions on this year’s scholarship award process.

**Timeline:**
By mid-April: Fund for Leaders notifies synods of their students receiving other Fund for Leaders scholarships. (A student who receives a full-tuition FFL scholarship may also receive a synod scholarship; however, scholarship funds used to cover costs beyond tuition, books and fees will count as taxable income to students.)

By May 31, 2019: Synods notify FFL and students of their nominations. Please use this nomination form to communicate your nominations to Fund for Leaders. (Note: must use Chrome browser.) Please ensure that your student nominees register and apply for their scholarship to be awarded through GrantMaker.

By June 17, 2019: Nominated students complete Fund for Leaders scholarship application in ELCA GrantMaker. (Note: applicants must use Chrome browser.)

For more information please visit ELCA Fund for Leaders or call our office at 800-638-3522, ext. 2936. Again, thank you to the people of for your generous support – we thank God for you!

In Christ,

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