

***CONTINUING RESOLUTION C12.05.E12***  
***Adopted by the Congregation Council of***  
***Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Westminster, Maryland***  
***on October 15, 2012***

**Financial Support of Members  
Engaged in Seminary Education Policy**

In order to receive financial support for seminary, a person must be a voting member in good standing of Grace Lutheran Church and (1) preparing for rostered ministry (pastor, diaconal ministry, deaconess, or associate in ministry) in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and (2) engaged in the candidacy process with the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

The leadership of the congregation, including the Finance Committee and Congregation Council shall endeavor to support members of our congregation in the ELCA Candidacy Process in the following ways:

- 1. Application process – The congregation will pay 75% or up to \$1,000 of the candidacy application fees, including the psychological testing and synodical committee application fee. The Congregation Council also will commit itself to completing the Congregational Registration Form in a timely fashion.**
- 2. Financial support while in seminary – The congregation will provide 15% of full time tuition each semester. Financial support will be pro-rated for students attending classes on a part-time basis. Candidates who go part-time for an extended period of time will receive the equivalent of 15% of three academic years.**
- 3. Candidates for Ordained Ministry will not receive financial support during their internship year since the tuition payment for that year is paid by the internship site.**
- 4. If a candidate is no longer in good standing with the Synodical Candidacy Committee and/or seminary, the congregation will not extend financial support during that time period.**
- 5. Seminary students will be remembered in prayer by the congregation throughout their candidacy process. The congregation will be encouraged to support and care for our seminarians as they engage in the candidacy process.**

**Funding for Seminarian Financial Support** shall come first from the budget line established annually through the congregation's budget process. In those years when funding is needed over and above the budgeted amount, the difference will be taken from the Clementson Seminary Scholarship Fund. In years when there are no seminarians drawing from the budget line, the congregation council will be asked to consider transferring a portion of the unused seminarian scholarship budget line into the Clementson Scholarship Fund to enable its continuing growth.