



MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE CENTER

*A grant-funded initiative of the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International
'Supporting the wholistic flourishing of PCAFI pastors for personal and ministerial excellence.'*

The Purpose of the Ministerial Excellence Center (MEC)

- We are here to meet the needs of our senior pastors



How Are We Going To Accomplish This Mammoth Task?

- We are going to teach you how to ask for the **HELP** that you need.
- **Here to**
- **Eliminate**
- **Limiting**
- **Problems**



Who we are?

- The MEC (Ministerial Excellence Center) is the by-product of the vision of our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Lambert W. Gates Sr, and the answered prayers of our beloved pastors, who are the “Lifeblood”, of the PCAFI.



Why do we exist?

- We exist to support the wholistic flourishing of our pastors for both personal and ministerial excellence, and to provide direct relief while also providing education to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future.



How will we accomplish this?

- We will give financial assistance and education through one of three of our signature grants, **the Jubilee Grant, Legacy Grant, or Compensation Grant.**
- **Jubilee Grant (International Churches Only) PCAFI Funded**
- In addition, we will assist in the continual education of our pastors through the **Bishop D. Rayford Bell Pastors Scholarship Grant** and also the **PK (pastor kids) Scholarship Grant** for the legal dependent children of pastors.



What Will The Grants/ Scholarships Cover?

- Our **Jubilee Grant** will provide direct and immediate relief to pastors and their families to cover educational, consumer, or medical debt
- Our **Legacy Grant** will provide a modest, need-based monthly stipend for pastors transitioning to full time status
- Our **Compensation Grant** will provide a modest need-based income supplement for bi-vocational pastors (**Not Available In Year One**)
- Our **PK Scholarship** will provide need-based funding to the legal dependent children of pastors
- Our **Bishop D. Rayford Bell Pastors- Scholarship Grant** will provide grants for pastors who attend accredited theology, divinity or post-secondary degree that enhances pastoral duties



Dr Reggie Blount of the Garrett's Theological Seminary made this profound statement:

- “Behind every effort to address (eliminate) economic challenges there needs to be a **Theological Anthropology,**” or there must be a (God) reason why we are reaching out to help the humanity of our PCAFI pastors.
- Our **Theological Anthropology, (God Reason)** is to assist in seeing the stress of our pastors removed while enabling them to become the best version of their calling.
- Next, it is to see the Word of God come to life, found in 3 John 1:2 “**Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.**” The MEC is here to **HELP** pastors “prosper in all things, to the degree that your soul prospers.”



What The MEC Is Not

- We are a HAND-UP, not a handout, we are here to assist the senior pastor on their way to solvency.



MEC Grants and Scholarships



MEC Grant Funding

Pastoral Jubilee Grant

United States and International
Pastors are welcomed to apply

US (Up to \$15,000 USD)
International (Up to \$1000)

Pastoral Legacy Grant

(Up to \$10,000)

Both grant opportunities include financial literacy education provided by MEC partnerships with no additional cost to grant recipient



MEC Grant Funding

Pastoral Compensation Grant

MEC will match up to \$7,500 in grant funding
(Not Available In Year One)

“PK” (pastor’s kids)

(\$2,500 educational scholarship)
Intended for legal dependents of PCAFI pastors

Bishop D. Rayford Bell Pastor-Scholar Grants

(\$2,500 scholarship)
For accredited theological, divinity or post-secondary courses



MEC Grant Cycles

Pastoral Jubilee and Scholarships Grant Opportunities

Applications Accepted	Decision Communicated	Funding Released
October 1 - November 1	January 2	January 31
May 1 - June 1	August 1	August 31



MEC Grant Cycles

Pastoral Legacy Grant Opportunities

Applications Accepted	Decision Communicated	Funding Released
February 1 - March 1	April 30	May 31
August 1 - September 1	October 31	November 30



How to Access MEC Grant Applications

www.pcafime.org

> Click Grant Opportunities





Contact Information



Name *

Prefix

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Suffix

SSN/EIN/Government Issued ID *

Date of Birth *

Month

Day

Year

Title/Position *

Church Name *

Home Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Contact Information



Church Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Country *

Phone Number *

Country Code

Area Code

Phone Number

Email *

example@example.com

Preferred Method of Contact *

Phone

Email

Text

PCAFI Council

PCAFI Engagement



ORGANIZATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Please rate your level of Organizational Engagement. *

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Worst Best

Organizational Engagement - This content/answers are not a disqualifier (Please select all that apply.) *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in my Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Council Members engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Training participation | <input type="checkbox"/> Council reporting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Council Strategy meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in PCAFI 5% Tithing Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PCAFI Pastors calls | <input type="checkbox"/> PCAFI Licensure is current |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conference attendance | <input type="checkbox"/> International United Pastors Alliance involvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Board involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

Please describe why you gave yourself the rating you selected and more about your level of organizational engagement. *

Type here...

0/500

May we contact your Diocesan Bishop for verification? *

- Yes No

GRANT REQUEST

Grant amount you are requesting - US Domestic (Minimum \$5,000 – Maximum \$15,000) *

ex: 23

Grant amount you are requesting - International (Minimum \$500 – Maximum \$2,500) *

ex: 23

Please describe your specific need(s) for this grant funding in 500 words or less. Also describe how the grant funds will be used through a grant from the Pastoral Jubilee funding opportunity. *

Type here...

0/500

I understand that if I am awarded a Pastoral Jubilee grant I agree to participate in a financial literacy program provided through partnerships of the MEC. *

I understand and agree to participate.



Pastoral Legacy – Up to \$10,000
Pastoral Compensation – Up to \$7,500 Match
Scholarship Grants - \$2,500

Grant Request

Budget Detail



Enter the specific expenses and amount that you expect to use the grant funds for. The budget table will automatically calculate your total.

Budget for Grant Amount Requested *

	Budget Line Item	Cost (\$).
1	Medical Bill	\$1000
2	Vehicle repair	\$ 500
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Total Expense (Note: Expense total must equal the grant amount you are requesting)

0

Have you ever received a grant from the PCAFI? *

Yes

No

Pastoral Compensation Budget Detail



If applicable please complete the Budget Table below if you have delineated expenses. This will help us understand the specific use of your matching funds and funds from the Pastoral Compensation grant will be spent. Enter the specific expense(s) using one row per expense and the how the expense will be paid.

Note: The total expense calculation for your matching budget must equal or exceed that of the Pastoral Compensation grant budget.

The budget table will automatically calculate your total.

Budget for Grant Amount Requested *

	Budget Line Item	Matching Cost (\$)	PCAFI Grant Cost (\$)
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Scholarship Application



The PCAFI Ministerial Excellence Scholarship Opportunities

The Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith (PCAFI) is committed to advancing God's Kingdom for maximum impact. The purpose of the PCAFI Ministerial Excellence Center (MEC) is to support the wholistic flourishing of our pastors to equip them for personal and pastoral excellence as they advance the Kingdom. The MEC Scholarship Program will provide scholarships for pastors and pastor's children. See below for more information about eligibility and requirements.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. Application (all pages of this document)
2. Letter of acceptance from the educational institution that you will be attending.
3. Letter of recommendation from your pastor
4. Headshot photo

Scholarship Application



Please select the Scholarship you wish to apply for: *

- "PK"(pastors' kids) Scholarships would provide need-based funding to the children of pastors to attend accredited colleges and universities. This competitive scholarship program would offer \$2,500 scholarships, renewable for up to four years with satisfactory academic progress, which, at steady-state could represent a disbursement of up to \$25,000 per calendar year. This scholarship would come alongside our currently existing Elzie W. Young and Tomie J. Jackson Scholarships that we have awarded each year, administered by our International Youth Conference and International Christian Education Auxiliary, respectively.
- Bishop D. Rayford Bell Pastor-Scholar Grants named after our fourth presiding bishop and the founder of D.R. Bell Apostolic Bible College (formerly Midwest Apostolic Bible College), would provide grants for pastors who pursue advanced theological courses of study from ATS-accredited seminaries and divinity schools. To be eligible, pastors would need to remain PCAFI-affiliated and financially active during the grant term. \$2,500 in support would be made available per year up to a maximum of 4 years per pastor. At steady-state, we intend to support 10 pastors concurrently, reaching a projected yearly disbursement of \$25,000.

Scholarship Educational Data



EDUCATIONAL DATA

Student Status *

Fulltime

Part-time

Name of school you will be attending *

Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

Postal / Zip Code

Field of study *

Graduation date:



Date



Scholarship Personal Accomplishments



PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In each section below, provide information about leadership roles you have served in, and awards, recognitions, and honors you have received:

In your church: *

Type here...

In your community and/or on your job: *

Type here...

At your school:

Type here...

Scholarship Personal Statement



PERSONAL STATEMENT

In the space provided, explain your reason(s) for applying for this scholarship:

*

Type here...

Upload your letter of acceptance from the educational institution that you will be attending.

*

Browse Files

Upload a letter of recommendation from your pastor. *

Browse Files

Upload your headshot photo. *

Browse Files



Share Your Story



SHARING YOUR STORY

The PCAFI Ministerial Excellence Center may want to follow-up with you and share stories about your experience.

May we share your story to help promote the Ministerial Excellence Center Program?

- Yes
- Yes (anonymously only)
- No



Submit Application



SUBMISSION

*I hereby confirm and certify that all of the information above is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge and has been written and submitted by me. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements as specified on this application. I release this information to the the PCAFI Ministerial Excellence Center and its staff for the purposes of evaluating my grant application. I understand that the information given may be investigated and that any false representation and/or evidence of plagiarism is sufficient to cause for rejection of this application or forfeiture of all awarded funds.

Please provide an electronic signature. *

By signing you agree to the statement above.

Date *

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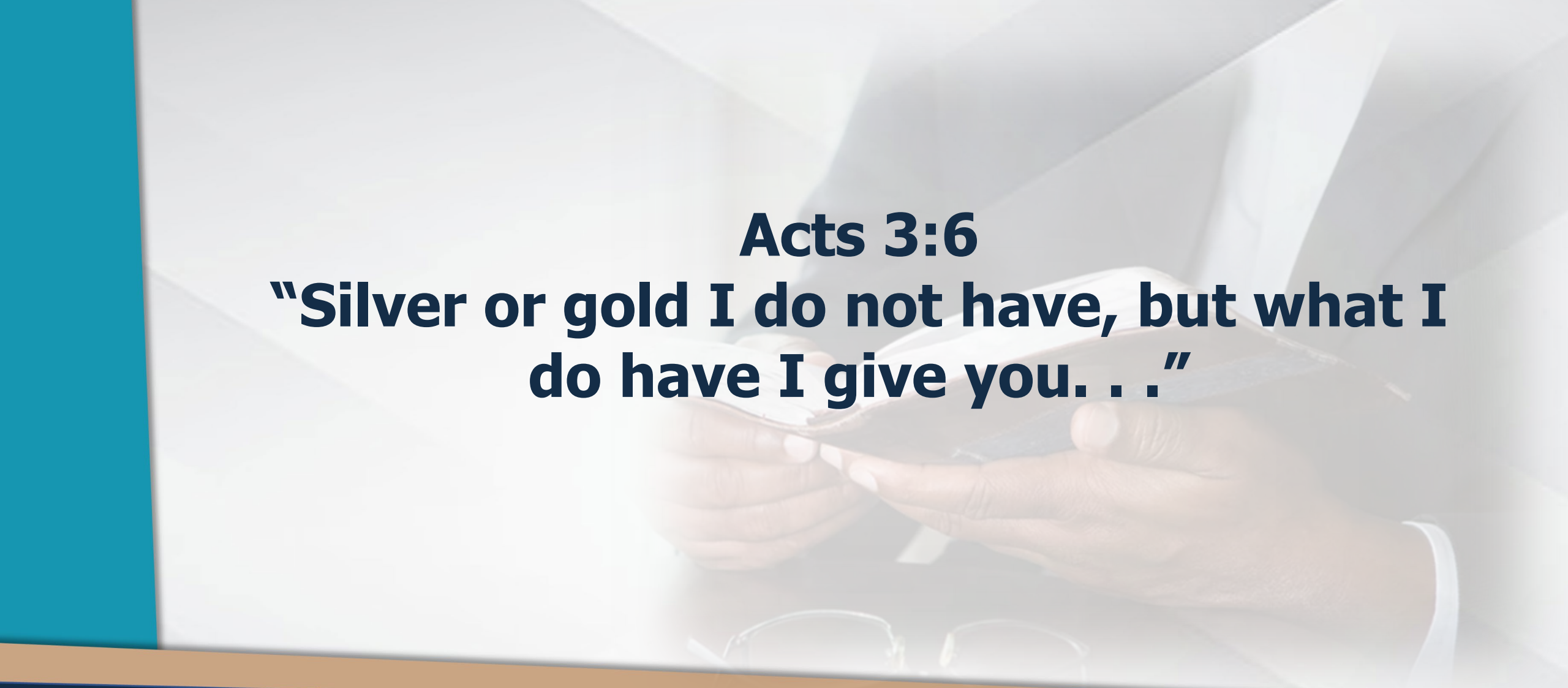
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Submit

Strategic Partnerships





Acts 3:6
**“Silver or gold I do not have, but what I
do have I give you. . . .”**



Educational Opportunities

- Fuller Theological Seminary
- Lutheran Social Services (LSS)
- Garrett Theological Seminary
- Villanova University
- Lake Institute-Compensation Grant
- Christian Theological Seminary-Jubilee Grant



Collaboration / Connections

- Regional Grants
- Demographical Grants
- Historical Grants
- Formative Grants



Future Opportunities

- Christian Theological Seminary (CTS)
- Lake Institute (IUPUI)



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Q & A

