

The Young Clergy Initiative – Grant Application Questions

Thank you for your interest in The Young Clergy Initiative administered through The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The purpose of the YCI is to increase the number of young clergy in The United Methodist church by helping youth and young adults discern whether their call to ministry is a call to ordained or licensed ministry.

PROJECT INFORMATION – SECTION 1

Project information will be shared with each partner's respective episcopal leader and Vocational Discernment Coordinator. This helps keep leadership aware of the good work being done in their area and allows them to encourage connection across episcopal areas.

Project Title:

Annual Conference Affiliation:

Jurisdiction Affiliation:

Project Category: (Choose the category that best describes the experience your project is providing.)

- a. Call Exploration Event – a short-term, retreat opportunity for participants to engage speakers, attend in workshops and/or panel discussions, or participate in group conversations.
- b. Educational Experience – a longer-term opportunity for participants to engage facilitators and other participants while studying vocational ministry. These projects might be offered through an academic setting at various levels.
- c. Missional Experience – a short-term missional opportunity for participants to engage those in need to discern a call to vocational ministry.
- d. Internship Experience – a short or long-term opportunity for participants to experience vocational ministry in a hands-on fashion.
- e. Small Group Experience – a long-term opportunity for participants to engage facilitators and other participants while processing a call to vocational ministry.

CONTACT INFORMATION – SECTION 2

Project Manager Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip code:

Phone:

E-mail:

PARTNERS – WORK – SECTION 3

You may enter up to 5 organizations that will partner with your project. Check exemption status' here. [<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/mainSearch.do;jsessionid=5K7v0PdasJ-qNbB2ENe8zg ?mainSearchChoice=pub78&dispatchMethod=selectSearch>]

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PARTNERS – PRAYER – SECTION 4

Spiritual support and accountability is a vital piece of any work we do as the people of God. Provide the name and e-mail address of ten (10) people who have covenanted to be in regular prayer with you for your project.

See a prayer partner sample invitation here.

[<http://www.explorecalling.org/yqi/prayerpartners/>]

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PURPOSE – SECTION 5

How does your project fulfill the purpose of the YCI as stated in the [General Conference legislation](#)? (This is your project’s “elevator speech”.)

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT – SECTION 6

Who is your project’s primary demographic for each of the following areas?

- a. Age range:
- b. Ethnicity:
- c. Gender:
- d. Geography:

In one sentence, what is the central purpose of your project?

What are three (3) measurable short-term goals for your project? (e.g., participation of 50 students by August 1, 10 churches commit to accepting interns by September 3rd, 5 small groups of 5 participants formed by November 4.)

How will your project meet those goals? (Describe the work of your project.)

What is the timeline your project is planning to follow?

FINANCES – SECTION 7

What funding distribution schedule works best for your project?

- a. One-time distribution of full funding amount **NOTE: Please provide a reason for requesting a one-time distribution of the full funding amount.**
- b. Annual distributions
- c. Quarterly distributions

How do you plan to fund this project's work beyond the timeframe of the YCI funding period? (2017-2020)

REPORTING AND EVALUATION – SECTION 8

We are asking you submit reports three (3) times each year for the length of your project for this quadrennium (2017-2020):

1. August 15
2. December 15
3. April 15 (of the following year)

We will be collecting information regarding:

- Participation numbers
- Participant attitudes, behaviors, and intentions
- Your observations as project director

We will also be collecting narratives that tell the story of your project. These narratives will be collected through:

- Pictures
- Video
- Stories
- Press releases
- Other

These reports and narratives shall be submitted online through the same online interface as this application. Reporting is mandatory for each project. Not reporting will influence YCI funding related to your project.

Full reporting and evaluation expectations can be read here.

<http://www.explorecalling.org/yqi/evaluation/>

What is the expected duration of your project?

- a. 1 year
- b. 2 years
- c. 3 years
- d. 4 years

I understand the reporting and evaluation expectations of the YCI for my project.

Signature

Upon completing this application form you will be asked to submit your project's budget as a PDF before submitting your final application. This budget must include actual and projected income sources and expenses.