



# Board of Ordained Ministry

West Virginia Conference

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## GUIDELINES FOR CLERGY SUPPORT COUNSELING FUNDS

- 1) Who is eligible?
  - a) Clergy of the West Virginia Annual Conference.  
(For these guidelines clergy is defined as: 1) Elders, 2) Deacons, 3) Licensed Local Pastors serving an appointment within the Conference.)
  - b) Immediate family members of clergy (spouse and dependent children)
  - c) Divorced or widowed spouses of clergy for a period of two years after death or divorce.

- 2) What are the qualifications of the provider?

People licensed by the state to provide professional counseling. Must be a State Licensed Psychologist, State Licensed Psychiatrist, State Licensed Professional Counselor or State Licensed Social Worker. (Exceptions to this rule, such as Spiritual Directors, must be pre-approved by Clergy Support.)

- 3) How much is available per family?

\$600 per calendar year.

- 4) What is the procedure for obtaining the funds?

The provider bills the clergyperson's insurance where applicable and sends residual bill to:

Office of Ministry Support  
West Virginia Conference of the UMC  
Attn: Angela Jones  
PO Box 2313  
Charleston, WV 25328

(Note: Patients should NOT pay co-pays or any other fees to provider.)

- 5) Questions and Contact information: Rev. James McCune, Clergy Support Coordinator,  
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