Wespath Awarded Financial Literacy Grant

Wespath was recently awarded a $250,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Wespath and its partners with the Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative (Initiative) will use the funds to focus on clergy most adversely impacted by the pandemic and clergy groups identified as typically underserved by, or under-represented in, Church programs and activities related to financial literacy. Read more.

Facebook Page for Saving Grace Group Leaders Launches

The Initiative and the United Methodist Publishing House are exploring new ways to support Saving Grace group leaders to supplement the existing Leader Guide. They have created a Facebook page that serves as a learning community and facilitates discussion between page leaders.

United Methodist Seminaries Prepare to Host Saving Grace

Eight United Methodist seminaries will offer the Saving Grace curriculum to their students, including Excellence in Clergy Leadership scholars to fulfill their second- and third-year scholarship requirements.

Participating seminaries include: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary, Gammon Theological Seminary, Perkins School of Theology, United Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology and Duke Divinity School. E-mail us to learn more about hosting Saving Grace.

Pastors Seem “More Confident in Their Role of Being Financial Leaders”

We continue to receive positive feedback from annual conferences, foundations and churches that offer Saving Grace to their constituencies. Andrea Farquhar from the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation observed, “Through Saving Grace, we noticed that pastors seemed more confident in their role of being financial leaders and knowing how to talk about money and that talking about money is Biblical.” Learn more about Saving Grace.

Discipleship Ministries Offers Webinar on Clergy Taxes in English, Spanish

Discipleship Ministries is offering webinars in English and Spanish to help clergy prepare their 2021 taxes. Click here to watch the webinar in English. The webinar in Spanish is March 24 at 6 p.m. Central time. Register here.
Registration Open for Wespath's Delivered to You Clergy Event

Wespath's premier educational event for clergy, Delivered to You, will take place virtually April 25 and 26. Attendees will learn about their benefits and the five dimensions of well-being. Learn more.

UMC Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative

For more information about this initiative and clergy financial well-being resources, visit: https://www.wespath.org/for-plan-sponsors/UMC-clergy-financial-well-being

Successfully expanding financial literacy depends on strategic collaboration. We look forward to working with you in 2022.

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