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POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR STUDENT AID

COMMITTEE FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MANITOBA/NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO SYNOD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

POLICY

Given:

- That going to seminary is costly financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually.
- That not all seminary students qualify for student loans (eg. They may not meet the age criteria, or it may be expected that a spouse will financially support them while this may not be possible).
- That some seminary students disagree in principle with incurring student loan debt.

Being a caring and compassionate people we will endeavour to support our seminary students financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Full-time MNO Synod students (full-time as determined by the seminary) enrolled in an ELCIC seminary are eligible for a forgivable loan of \$1000/year to a maximum total amount of \$4000. This does not apply to the internship year. The money is to be given directly to the seminary at which the student is enrolled to be applied to the student's tuition fees. Graduating students are eligible for a forgivable loan of \$3500 minus money received from CTEL during their seminary years.

PROCEDURE

MNO Synod students requesting yearly assistance must send a letter of request for funds to CTEL for their current year of study by August 1 of that year. Failure

to request funds by that time may result in postponement of payment for one year.

MNO Synod graduating students requesting the \$3,500 forgivable loan (minus funds received from CTEL during seminary years) must send a letter of request to CTEL after their final year of seminary studies.

Each pastor/professional leader who receives a forgivable loan will be required to sign an agreement with the MNO Synod CTEL to the effect that if he/she does not complete five years of service in an approved ministry of the ELCIC or ELCA, he/she will upon leaving an approved ministry repay a part of the loan, the amount to be proportionate to the months served.

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