

Report of the Kaufman Fund

Celebrations

The Kaufman Fund provides grants each year to support Diaconal Ministers and Graduates of the Centre who find themselves in emergency situations or in need of rest or renewal. Last year we distributed.....number of grants ranging from support for medical expenses and opportunities for rejuvenation through con ed events and other renewal experiences.

This year we welcomed Elaine Graham onto our committee. Elaine is a recent grad of the Centre and has added a much needed connection to the people who are newly commissioned and seeking support.

Challenges

One of the constant challenges for our committee is how we can make the fund known to all individuals that may be able to access it. We advertise in the News and in Tapestry and have sent out brochures to the Personnel officers. We also have members of a cross country network that we invite, annually, to spread the news of the fund through word of mouth. However, we expect that there are a number of potential applicants who are still unaware of our existence. We want to continue to elevate the portfolio of the fund and make it accessible for as many people who need it as possible.

Looking to the Future

We expect the future to continue to provide opportunities for us to support diaconal ministers and graduates of the centre who need renewal and support for emergencies. One thing that we expect and require of DUCC is to be aware that our committee needs to be appointed at DUCCs biannual meeting. So it is our hope that at this year's meeting the committee members will be reappointed to the Kaufman Committee. We would also like to see DUCC share more interest in the oversight of this committee. It would be great if there could be some time on the agenda of the biennial or triennial meeting not only appoint or reappoint members, but to also have some discussion about how the fund is working and whether there is anything we can do to make the fund more effective and more accessible (etc. etc.).

Our committee members are:

Lynda Appleby

Sue Browning

Margarete Emminghaus

Elaine Graham