"We are delighted with the success of the Financial Leadership Academy for clergy – great presenters and great pastor-scholars. Now we begin a new era in training lay/clergy leaders in local church finance. Take your church to the next level in generosity-development and financial management. Let’s see what God will do!"

- Rev. Dr. Kent E. Kroehler, Chair Stewardship MAUMF

“As one who was a lay leader for many years and now clergy, I have seen how proper financial leadership and stewardship is a major component in sustaining, revitalizing and growing local churches. Investment in financial stewardship training will return much more than it costs in time and money. Better financial leadership and stewardship by laity and clergy results in more time and resources for ministry, higher confidence in proper operation of the church and increased giving.”

- Rev. Lawrence Pelham, Pastor, Coleman Memorial UMC

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure – pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

- Luke 6: 38
ACHIEVE YOUR CHURCH’S GOALS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS

We’ve applied our highly successful Financial Leadership Academy to a hands-on program that brings laity and clergy together. This is not a seminar, but a working group that will help you develop and implement an Action Plan for your church while this group meets 4 times over two years. Breathe new life into your Stewardship and transform your church over the next two years. You bring the team (tuition covers 5 participants), and we bring the coaches.

TOPICS INCLUDE:
- Personal Finance
- Theology of Stewardship
- Creating a Culture of Year-Round Generosity
- Vision and Mission in Budgeting
- Effective Stewardship
- Best Practices in Church Finances
- Understanding Community Fundraising
- Implementing Planned Giving

A local church that engages fully in this process will:
1. Increase their stewardship
2. Increase money for mission and ministry
3. Understand endowment and planned giving concepts and implement a program
4. Adopt best practices

EXPERT LED SEMINARS
Clergy and two to four Laity meet four times over a period of 24 months with people from other congregations for a seminar and teaching from an expert in the field.

HANDBOOKS, WEBINARS, AND VIDEOS
Clergy and Laity will have a set of videos and handbooks to share with their local church leadership with exercises to complete that will lead to an action plan. This is a critical piece of the process, empowering participants to implement what they learn.

COORDINATING COACHING
A coach will meet in person with the team and broader group twice during the ACF time frame and six times via phone/Facetime/Skype. The coach will lead the group in attaining the goals that the congregation set as it relates to stewardship.

The coach will also have a one-on-one call with the pastor prior to the group call.

PEER LEARNING
Each congregation is matched with an appropriate learning partner that they will engage with at the seminars.

Tuition: $1,500 per church (10% discount for Foundation investment clients)
Payable in installments over 2 years

Tuition Includes:
- Up to 5 persons per church
- 4 Saturday sessions over 2 years
- Guide/Facilitator
- Lunch
- Book
- $200 due at time of acceptance into the Academy

The Mid Atlantic United Methodist Foundation is subsidizing this effort to promote Church Financial Stewardship Excellence. Continuing Education credits will be provided for those who successfully complete the Academy.

Your choice of 2 convenient locations:

October 7th, 2017
BWC Mission Center
11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759

or

October 14th, 2017
Aldersgate UMC
2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803

Register Online:
Go to MAUMFLegacy.org to register. Once we have received your application, we will send you additional information to get started and a brief questionnaire.

Have Questions?
Contact Frank Robert,
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or call 410-309-3475

Space is limited. Register Early.