

Presenting an opportunity for clergy to enhance skills in stewardship and financial development through outstanding key presenters, professional coaching and a peer group.

Session I: October 18,19 and 20, 2016

Personal Finances~ Learn the ins and outs of clergy finances including investments, preparation for retirement, purchase of a house, and best practices around tax preparation. Laws about clergy finances are always changing so find out what you need to know to make the most of your money.

Key Note Speakers: Rev. Dr. Philip and Janet Jamieson
Phil is the President/CEO of the Tennessee Foundation. They are co-authors of *Ministry and Money: A Practical Guide for Pastors* and *Finance: Handling God's Money in the Church*.

Session II: March 13 and 14, 2017

Stewardship~ Learn best practices for conducting stewardship campaigns, how to increase giving for mission and ministry, assessing readiness and implementing capital campaigns.

Key Note Speaker: Dr. Clif Christopher
Founder and CEO of Horizons Stewardship Company; Certified church growth consultant; author of *The Church Money Manual: Best Practices for Finance and Stewardship*.

Session III: June 12 and 13, 2017

Leadership~ Align your congregation's giving and stewardship around the church's vision/mission. Learn how you can promote greater giving through a focused vision.

Key Note Speaker: Rev. Bob Farr
Director of Congregational Excellence for the Missouri Annual Conference, creator of the Healthy Church Initiative, and author of 4 books including *The Necessary Nine: Things Effective Pastors Do Differently*.

FLA Testimonials

The Financial Leadership Academy has provided some of the best continuing education I've experienced in 40 years. I would love to have had it at the front end of my ministry.

~Jim Carver, Pastor of Sanctuary UMC

The Financial Leadership Academy has helped me grow as a disciple and as a pastor. The teaching of trusted leaders, peer conversations and opportunities for personal development have helped my stewardship of my call, ministry, and the church I serve.

~Kirkland Reynolds, Pastor of Chevy Chase UMC



One of the greatest benefits for me was coming away with actionable priorities that have helped me lead the congregation toward its vision and mission.

~Mary Kay Kanahan, Pastor of St. John's United Church

What I have learned has completely changed the way I approach strategic planning for the church...and given me a profound sense of confidence in my ministry.

~Jenny Sauerbrun, Pastor of Epworth UMC

Session IV: October 16 and 17, 2017

Church Finances~ Learn the best practices for statements of giving, EFT, E-Giving, stock gifts and offering envelopes. Explore how to create accounting sheets, effective ways to communicate trends and best practices with finance teams. **For this event, key laity from your congregation can be invited to attend.

Key Note Speaker: Moses Kumar
General Secretary of the General Church Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church.
Conference Treasurers from Baltimore Washington, Eastern PA and Peninsula Delaware Conferences.

Session V: March 12 and 13, 2018

Non-profit Fundraising~ Learn from a non-church organization the best practices around asking for large gifts, utilizing giving patterns and trends in America, growing trust among the givers, and developing a larger number of givers.

Key Note Speakers: Megan Howie Associate Dean for Development and Alumni relations at Johns Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering and **Chip Edmonds** Vice President for College Advancement at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA

Session VI: June 11 and 12, 2018

Planned Giving~ Create a culture of giving from a spiritual foundation. Learn techniques for establishing an endowment for mission and ministry through gifts like trusts, annuities and bequests.

Key Note Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane
Director of Stewardship & Connectional Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church.

Tuition

\$1500

payable in installments over two years

\$200

due at time due upon acceptance into the Academy

Funding

The Mid-Atlantic Foundation is subsidizing this effort to promote excellence in clergy financial leadership.

Location

The Hilton
100 Continental Drive
Newark, DE 19713

Application:

Apply online at...

<https://fs12.formsite.com/MAUMF/form1/index.html>

Or request a paper application from
jmackowiak.mafoundation@gmail.com

Continuing Education Credits

80 contact hours will be provided to clergy who complete the Academy.

Limited Space. Register Early.

***Our Vision:** to help pastors understand and embrace their role as financial—as well as spiritual—leaders, and to understand that financial leadership is part of the spiritual leadership they provide! To equip pastors to identify and begin to practice ways they can more effectively proclaim AND MODEL stewardship and financial development as a way of life.*

***Our Goal:** to help pastors develop skills in financial leadership in order to produce healthy congregations.*

The Academy Process:

- Attendance at six multi-day core seminars with noted speakers over a two year period
- Participation in a peer group during each seminar and between seminar sessions
- Development of a personal action plan at conclusion of each seminar
- Accountability to implement a personal action plan developed with peers and facilitator, as well as accountability partners in the local church



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