The Grace Internship Fund

The Grace Internship Fund was established by the Committee on Christian Education in 2020. It came about as a result of an anonymous donor who in the course of his service in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church observed the blessing that internships are to the whole church and to individual congregations.

The Fund is specifically intended for smaller, financially needy Orthodox Presbyterian congregations that in other respects meet the criteria for having a summer or yearlong internship. These are churches which may not be able to fund the 50% or more of an internship's expense as currently required by the CCE's Intern Program.

Two Opportunities:

As a Recipient Church:

As a church you may apply for a Grace Internship Fund grant at the time of applying for an internship (see <u>Church Application For An Intern</u>). There are just a few simple questions to answer on the second page of the application.

As a Donor:

Individuals and churches are welcome to make donations to the Grace Internship Fund. It is important that donors understand that the terms of the Fund only allow the Committee to use annual income and market gains, and up to 10% of the Fund principal in any given year. Thus, the Grace Internship Fund is designed to serve the OPC for many years to come and may only be used for internship funding. The Fund is professionally managed by the same financial advisors who manage the OPC's ministerial pension fund.

Cash gifts may be sent to the Committee on Christian Education at the offices in Willow Grove designated for the Fund. Gifts of stock can also be received after first contacting the CCE general secretary (<u>danny.olinger@opc.org</u>) for transfer instructions.