



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Center for Clergy Excellence

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Dear Young Clergy,

On behalf of the Center for Clergy Excellence and the Ambassadors' Endowment Grant Committee, it is my privilege to invite you to apply for an Ambassadors' Endowment Grant if you are eligible!

The Ambassadors' Endowment was created to encourage young people to consider ministry by reimbursing out of pocket seminary tuition, fees, and book costs incurred by promising young clergy entering the Texas Annual Conference. Grant funds awarded are distributed over a five-year period to recipients who continue to serve the Texas Annual Conference as full-time clergy persons in good standing.

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- Age 33 or younger
- Serving full-time in the Texas Annual Conference or expect to be by June 2010
- Completing seminary this semester or if you have already completed seminary
- Not yet ordained as a full membership deacon or elder in the United Methodist Church

If you expect to be appointed to serve full-time in the Texas Annual Conference in June 2010; if you expect to graduate by June 2010; and/or if you expect to be ordained as a deacon or elder in the Texas Annual Conference in June 2010, you are still eligible to apply.

To apply, simply follow the instructions on the enclosed or attached application and send the signed application with attachments to arrive no later than May 1, 2010, to Barbara Eoff at beoff@txcumc.org or to Barbara Eoff, Center for Clergy Excellence, Texas Annual Conference, 5215 Main Street, Texas 77002.

If you have questions or concerns about this invitation or the enclosed or attached application, don't hesitate to contact me or Ambassadors' Endowment Grant Committee Chairperson, Mr. Royce Thompson at planning@flash.net. May God continue to richly bless you as you continue to pursue God's dreams for your life and ministry!

Grace and peace,