What is it?

The Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fund is the combination of the Kaufman Cottage Fund and the Bequest Fun of the former Association of Professional Church Workers of the Anglican and United Churches of Canada.

How did it come to be?

The Kaufman Cottage Fund was established for the Fellowship of Deaconesses and the Other Women Workers at a time when United Church women workers had very low salaries and the need for affordable retreat and renewal opportunities was greatly felt. Original contributions were made by some of our diaconal foremothers such as Dr. Winnifred Thomas, Miss Emma Kaufman, Dr. Margaret Addison, and Miss Gertrude Rutherford. Over the years, the fund has been used in a variety of ways, earlier by providing retreat houses, and later by establishing a fund that was more accessible for diaconal workers across Canada.

The National Fellowship Bequest Fun was set up in 1967, combining the Isabel Haddock Davidson Bequest Fun and the Covenant College Memorial Fund. The purpose was to give compassionate grants and loans to members of the Fellowship or Alumni for emergencies. In 1985, these funds were combined to form the Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fund.

Who can apply?

The fund is available to persons who are graduates of the Centre for Christian Studies or its predecessors, to members of the former Association for the Professional Church Workers, to United Church diaconal ministers, and to Anglican professional lay ministers.

What events or opportunities qualify?

The purpose of the Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fun is to help with the cost of retreat, reflection, renewal and rest experiences, and to make possible a grant or loan to persons who find themselves in a financial emergency.

Any Event or opportunity which meets either of these purposes will be considered by the Administration Committee.

“An excellent opportunity for rest and renewal.”
How do I apply?

Grants are administered on a yearly basis through the Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fund Administration Committee.

You can request a grant for an event or opportunity by writing a letter addressed to the Administration Committee’s in care of:

Judith Astley
(519)884-8082
Jast574@rogers.com

The information should be included in your letter:

- Name, address, and phone number
- Employment status (ie. Employed, unemployed, retired)
- Education institution attended for ministry preparation
- Date and cost of the event or opportunity and any other pertinent information.
- Amount of financial support requested from the Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fund
- Amount and source of any other financial support received.

For more information?

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the Kaufman Renewal and Emergency Fund, please feel free to contact a member of the Administration Committee.

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Are you a Diaconal Minister?

Are you a graduate of the Centre for Christian Studies?

Are you finding yourself in need of rest and renewal?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to open up and read further