



Louisiana Conference Ministries
The United Methodist Church

Raising Up Spiritual Leaders

Ministers' Emergency Fund

In covenant with one another, clergy of the Louisiana Annual Conference are asked to contribute up to one-half of one percent of their base salary to the ministry of the Ministers' Emergency Fund (MEF). The money is used to help our fellow clergy when he/she is experiencing tough times and a financial hardship.

To contribute to this ministry, the clergy person indicates an amount on line 4 of the compensation form. To calculate the suggested one-half of one percent, you multiply the number listed at the top of Part 1 by .005.

The MEF amount on the **2023 Clergy Compensation Form** is an annual amount but can be deducted (or prorated) over each pay period from the payroll checks of the clergy person by the church. At the discretion of the clergy person, this deduction can be done at one time. For example, if your base compensation is \$50,000 per year, then the suggested Ministers' Emergency Fund contribution would be \$250 per year, or \$20.83 per month.

Any amounts withheld should be sent to the Conference Finance Office on their regular monthly statement with the Advance Special Form (line 5030). Note for convenience, the amounts withheld can be accumulated by the church and remitted either monthly, quarterly, or at least annually.

Thank you for your decision to be in covenant and to help your fellow clergy in this way. Please select your option below and then sign and turn in with your **2023 Clergy Compensation Form**.

_____ I elect to contribute to the Ministers' Emergency Fund at \$ _____ per year

_____ I elect not to contribute to the Ministers' Emergency Fund.

Clergy Signature

Date

(Note: If you have elected to contribute to the important ministry, please make sure to include this information on your **2023 Clergy Compensation Form**, line 4, as well as provide it to your church's Finance Officer for deducting from your payroll check(s).