

**Louisiana Conference  
Board of Ordained Ministry  
Division of Local Pastors and Associate Members  
Policy Number 403  
Advanced Course of Study Service Stipends**

Persons who are certified candidates for ordained ministry, have chosen the local pastor track, are pursuing ordination and full conference membership, are enrolled in a University Senate approved seminary offering Advanced Course of Study classes, and are able to render a minimum of 10 years of full time active service to the Louisiana Conference after commissioning may receive the current funding rate of \$375.00 per course.

Advanced Course of Study funding is awarded in the form of a stipend to be repaid by five years of service in the Louisiana Conference and is made subject to the availability of funds.

The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry will not fund a certified candidate for Basic Course of Study School and Advanced Theological Courses (seminary work) in the same Conference year unless it is the year the candidate completes the Basic Course of Study.

The Conference Board of Ordained Ministry will provide Seminary Student Service Stipends to certified candidates who have completed the Basic Course of Study and who want to take the 32 hours of Advanced Theological Education that are needed to be considered for the Elder's orders track.

Since 32 hours of Advanced Theological Education is one third of a Masters of Divinity, the seminary student service stipend cap for this area is \$6,400.00 which may be matched by the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana to make the total maximum amount of funding \$12,800.00, one third of the amount for people working toward a full Masters of Divinity degree.

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