The Preacher's Aid Society

This society has been in continuous service to United Methodist clergy and their families in New England since 1832. We have tried to remain faithful to our core commitment to improving the quality of life among our United Methodist clergy, especially those who have retired from ministry and their surviving spouses. Through our strong financial support for retiree health care, training in personal financial management, spiritual life retreats and direct services to clergy families in need, we have used the endowment of our Society to help generations of families enjoy a rich and full life in Christian ministry.

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Higher Education Loan Pool

2018-19 Terms & Conditions

About The Program

This program is not a scholarship program. Applications for this program are not considered appropriate to finance graduate or post-graduate educational work in process. However, a fully ordained and duly appointed pastor of the New England Conference who meets the three year guideline may apply to refinance prior residual debt for college or seminary while pursuing advanced educational degrees at his/her own expense.

Amounts considered for refinancing will be demonstrably related to basic residual costs of undergraduate and first theological degrees. These costs to include tuition, room and board and other directly billed expenses currently being amortized in another loan program. Applications may not include amounts for travel or other out-of-pocket expenses previously incurred in the educational process.

As a rule, amortizations periods will be no longer than those remaining on the existing loans to be refinanced. However, no loans will be written for a period of more than fifteen years. Any loan balance may be prepaid at any time without penalty.

It is expected that persons refinancing under this program will use the savings realized to develop their own long-term **financial planning objectives, such as PIP program, IRA programs or college savings programs for dependent children.**

Qualifications for Participation

United Methodists who are Full-time Ordained Deacons and Elders, & Full-time Local Pastors in the New England Annual Conference may apply for a loan through this refinance program under the following guidelines:

Those applying must have completed **three full years under full-time appointment , currently be under Episcopal appointment in the New England Conference** and must have **received their qualifying degrees at least three full calendar years prior to submission of application**. This loan program is for the benefit of pastors in the New England Annual Conference. **If a borrower transfers to another Conference the loan is due and payable.** Likewise, applicants from other Conferences can be considered for the program, but will not be approved until they have transferred into the New England Conference.

Important:

Loans must have life insurance which will be taken care of by Preachers' Aid Society.

Loans:

The loans will be written at 6.25% simple interest. Preachers' Aid Society will issue forbearance in the amount of 5.0%. (Forbearance is the discount to be applied to the loan.) **Actual payments will reflect principal plus interest of 1.25%.** These percentages will apply to the life of any loan approved in 2018. These percentages may change for future loan applications.

There are two deadline periods each year: April 16th and October 15th.

Penalties:

If a loan payment is late by more than ten days for more than three repayment periods over the life of the loan, the loan forbearance will be forfeited and the loan will be due and payable with 90 days from the date of the final infracture. **Transferring from the Conference or leaving the denomination will also forfeit the loan forbearance.** Any default on the part of the borrower will be reported through normal credit reporting and rating agencies. All loans will be secured by a note and agreement with the Preachers' Aid Society of New England.

Administration:

This program will be administered under the guidelines established by the Society by the Pastoral Care Committee. The United Methodist Foundation of New England will manage payments. They will send out statements and report to Preachers' Aid Society any delinquent payments.