



New Jersey Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Dear Rostered Leader,

I am writing to let you know of a bit of good news that has transpired in the last couple of weeks. Indeed, despite all evidence to the contrary, something good has transpired in the past couple of weeks. In the midst of all the struggles we have faced as a result of Covid 19 and the financial turmoil the isolation requirements has brought on, the New Jersey Synod Council has charged the EMU team to develop a financial relief grant for rostered leaders in the synod.

Like the Education Debt relief grants, EMU Aid grants are non competitive. Plain and simple, the grants are available to any rostered leader of the New Jersey Synod who has experienced financial hardship as a result of the pandemic. These hardships can include reduced income because of congregational cut backs, or loss of income because a spouse was laid off. Financial hardship can also include previously unexpected expenses such as: increased costs for childcare because schools were closed, Covid related health care expenses, even the need to purchase technology so kids can participate in online school.

Applications are on the EMU page of the Synod web site: njsynod.org/emu. Grant applications are held in strictest confidence and we will process applications every two weeks to minimize wait time. Each rostered leader is limited to one grant for the year. We have great hope to be able to open another round of these grants in 2021.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Rev. Fred Becker, EMU Project Director using the EMU Email address: EMU@njsynod.org.

Yours in Christ.

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