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Paul E. Trapp Endowment Fund Program Description

Background Information

Paul E. Trapp, a long time Lutheran, died on February 27, 1986 and left a will dated November 23, 1982. Mr. Trapp left the bulk of his estate to "The American Lutheran Church, to a revolving fund, the proceeds thereof to be used for the needs of the American Lutheran Church in the Northern Michigan District."

Subsequent to the time Mr. Trapp executed his will and the date of his death, The American Lutheran Church and two other national Lutheran church bodies merged into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The congregations in the aforementioned Northern Michigan District of the American Lutheran Church are now represented by those ELCA Congregations in the Jack Pine, Traverse, Sunrise and the northern part of the Bay Conferences.

A committee consisting of one pastor from each conference, one layperson from each conference, the bishop, one representative of Synod Council, and a representative of the ELCA Foundation meet annually to review grant applications and determine awards.

Criteria

1. All requests submitted in writing by November 15th.
2. Broad-based ministries involving as many congregations as possible.
3. Ministries that are *people oriented*, i.e., provide spiritual enrichment for God's people.
4. Grants are for one year, with renewals to be considered upon request.
5. Trapp Memorial Fund committee meets on an annual basis to
 - a. Evaluate current projects
 - b. Receive/review a financial statement on the account
 - c. Disburse funds according to the established criteria
 - d. Review suggestions for the use of funds

Instructions

Submit the Request for Funding Form and required accompanying documentation on or before October 20, 2014.

Review Procedures

The Trapp Memorial Endowment Fund Committee will review requests and announce awards after November 15, 2015.

Disbursement of Funds

Funds will be distributed in March 2016.