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CHURCH SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Sabbatical Leave Program: The District Office will provide pulpit supply at a local church during a pastor's sabbatical leave at district expense.

Windstorm Catastrophe Fund Bill Share Program: The windstorm bill share program was established for all churches who are interested in participating in a program for the purpose of pooling funds and helping with a possible windstorm catastrophe event.

Debt Retirement Incentive Program: If the local church makes a 13th payment on their mortgage loan with WIF during the conference year, and they have paid 100% USF, the district will make a 14th payment on their behalf.

Student College Tour Program: Students from local churches will be able to attend a college tour paid for by the district.

Stewardship Planning Program: Stewardship Planner will be available to come to your church for seminars and help people with estate planning including wills, trusts, and planned giving.

Student Scholarship Program: A program was started for all student members at a local Wesleyan church to provide a scholarship of \$500 per semester to attend a Wesleyan University.

Teaching Church Program: Internship, residency, and apprenticeship grants will be provided by the district in partnership with approved Wesleyan churches that have the capacity of training young pastors and leaders. Grants will be given in a matching approach by the district.

Immigration Center/Program: A center for helping immigrants with legal documents will be established in the district office. Scholarships are available based upon need.

Thrive Financial Initiative: Stewardship literacy will be provided to church leaders to better equip them.

Counseling Services: Counseling services will be made available through Winning at Home Tampa Bay for anyone part of a Florida Wesleyan Church up to four confidential counseling sessions paid for by the district except for a \$50 copay by the individual.

PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Vacation Coverage: All pastors who take vacation may ask the district to cover the pulpit during their time away at district expense.

Sabbatical Leave: Every Wesleyan Church is encouraged to provide a sabbatical leave for its pastor(s) at least every seven years of service. A sabbatical shall be for a minimum of four weeks in excess of vacation time with financial provisions as approved by the LBA.

Tuition Scholarships for Pastor's Dependents: The Memorial Scholarship fund was established to support pastor's dependents to attend a Wesleyan University.

Continuing Education: District ministerial extension classes will be made available for audit by any credentialed minister who would desire to take it as a refresher course for CEU credit.

Counseling Services: All pastors and their families are able to receive confidential counseling at a counseling firm called Winning at Home Tampa Bay up to four counseling sessions paid for by the district except for a \$25 copay by the individual.

Legal Work: An agreement with a professional attorney to give all credentialed ministers an option to get confidential legal work done in regards to a will, living will, and power of attorney at no cost. Our current agreement is with the office of Thomas J. Shea III.

Cruise Retreat: The District will pay for all lead/solo pastors to go on a three-four night cruise every four years in lieu of the Pastors and Spouses Retreat that conference year. Pastors' spouses will be paid for by the local church. Credentialed ministers will be offered a partial scholarship similar to our retreat scholarship when there is a need.

Vacation Giveaway: A cruise giveaway will happen at every annual Pastors Team Meeting based upon pastors winning an award.

Zone Picnics: All pastors and spouses will have the opportunity to fellowship with their area peers at an annual BBQ luncheon paid for by the district.

Matching Grants for Pastoral Needs: This program will help pastors and their families by offering assistance in a matching scholarship concept for needed benefits or other unmet financial needs.

Immigrant Program: Partial scholarships will be made available for all Pastors and their families on a need basis upon availability of funds.

Student Loan Debt Program: Scholarships will be made available for student loan debt for all pastors appointed at least three years in the Florida District. These scholarships will be based on a 1/4 matching payment (25%) schedule, up to \$2,000, for that conference year. Match will be paid after proof has been provided showing 12 required monthly payments, or more, being paid on principle of these loans during that conference year.


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For more information concerning our offered counseling service, please contact Winning at Home counselor Phil Lewis at 727.209.7203.

For more information concerning our offered legal work, please contact Thomas J. Shea at 813.792.0111.

For more information or any further questions concerning any of the included programs, please contact our district office at 813.907.5511 or do@floridawesleyan.com

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