



FROM THE
CENTER
OUTWARD

A Thriving in Ministry Grant Funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Application Form 2021

Second Act Cohort

Deadline: August 1, 2021

Part 1: About You

Name:

Ministry site:

Date of ordination/consecration/commissioning:

As you read the Executive Summary of this grant (available on the synod website at www.spas-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Lilly-Grant-Executive-Summary.pdf), what aspects of it are most exciting or interesting to you?

What questions or comments do you have for us after reading the Executive Summary?

Are you currently part of other activities funded by the Lilly Endowment?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide name and date of programs here:

Have you participated in programs funded by the Lilly Endowment in the past?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide name and date of programs here:

Part 2: About Your Ministry

Years in public ministry as of June, 2021 (select one):

On vocation

In 3-5 words, how would you describe the way you currently inhabit your vocation as a minister?

When do you feel closest to the center of your vocation?

When do you feel the furthest from the center of your vocation?

What are your current practices of rest and renewal?

On a scale of 1-10, how satisfied are you with your current practices of rest and renewal?
(1 is very unsatisfied, 10 is very satisfied)

What are some practices of rest and renewal that you would like to adopt?

What are the obstacles to those practices for you?

On mentorship

Think of a positive professional relationship you had/have with a peer or mentor. What did/does that do for you as a minister?

What qualities or particular skills/experience would be most exciting to you in a mentor?

On your ministry context

Give an example of a project you have done (or would like to do) in your current context that engages scripture.

Give an example of a project you have done (or would like to do) to strengthen your working relationship with the lay leadership in your current context?

In your current ministry context, what do you spend the most time worrying about? What saps your energy the most?

Part 3: Letter of Support

Attachments:

Please include a letter of support signed by your council president (or equivalent partner in ministry) indicating that the staff and lay leadership of your congregation is aware you are applying for this grant and will support your participation in it if you are accepted. The estimated time required of you for grant activity is limited (approximately 5 hours/month), but it is important that the expectations are clear and the support is in place from the outset.

Complete this form and send with the letter of support to:
anna.marsh@spas-elca.org

OR

Saint Paul Area Synod
Attn: Anna Marsh
105 University Avenue West
Saint Paul, MN 55103

Applications must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2021.



Lilly Endowment Inc.
A Private Philanthropic Foundation