



Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative



Wespath Awarded Financial Literacy Grant

Wespath was recently awarded a \$250,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Wespath and its partners with the Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative (Initiative) will use the funds to focus on clergy most adversely impacted by the pandemic and clergy groups identified as typically underserved by, or under-represented in, Church programs and activities related to financial literacy. [Read more.](#)



Facebook Page for *Saving Grace* Group Leaders Launches

The Initiative and the United Methodist Publishing House are exploring new ways to support *Saving Grace* group leaders to supplement the existing Leader Guide. They have created a [Facebook page](#) that serves as a learning community and facilitates discussion between page leaders.



United Methodist Seminaries Prepare to Host *Saving Grace*

Eight United Methodist seminaries will offer the *Saving Grace* curriculum to their students, including Excellence in Clergy Leadership scholars to fulfill their second- and third-year scholarship requirements.

Participating seminaries include: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Candler School of Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary, Gammon Theological Seminary, Perkins School of Theology, United Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology and Duke Divinity School. [E-mail us](#) to learn more about hosting *Saving Grace*.



Pastors Seem “More Confident in Their Role of Being Financial Leaders”

We continue to receive positive feedback from annual conferences, foundations and churches that offer *Saving Grace* to their constituencies. Andrea Farquhar from the Alabama-West Florida United Methodist Foundation observed, “Through *Saving Grace*, we noticed that pastors seemed more confident in their role of being financial leaders and knowing how to talk about money and that talking about money is Biblical.” [Learn more](#) about *Saving Grace*.



Discipleship Ministries Offers Webinar on Clergy Taxes in English, Spanish

Discipleship Ministries is offering webinars in English and Spanish to help clergy prepare their 2021 taxes. [Click here](#) to watch the webinar in English. The webinar in Spanish is **March 24 at 6 p.m. Central time.** [Register here.](#)



Registration Open for Wespath's Delivered to You Clergy Event

Wespath's premier educational event for clergy, Delivered to You, will take place virtually **April 25 and 26**. Attendees will learn about their benefits and the five dimensions of well-being. [Learn more.](#)

UMC Clergy Financial Well-Being Initiative

For more information about this initiative and clergy financial well-being resources, visit:

<https://www.wespath.org/for-plan-sponsors/UMC-clergy-financial-well-being>

Successfully expanding financial literacy depends on strategic collaboration.

We look forward to working with you in 2022.

Connected in Christian Service,

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