



Educate, Equip, Enact

By the close of 2019, the 3E Lilly Grant Phase I goals to sustain and enhance quality leadership for Christ's Church concludes with:

- 60 congregations who have participated in financial leadership education through Stewardship for All Seasons
- 90 rostered leaders who have received grants to help reduce their financial challenges
- 25 rostered leaders who grew in their financial management skills through Executive Management Skills classes
- 13 congregations and 9 individuals that shared generously with the 3E grant match



Increasing Our Capacity for Ministry

What is 3E Educate, Equip, Enact?

Through the generosity of The Lilly Endowment Inc., a 3-year \$500,000 grant was given in late 2016 to the Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) to develop a series of education and grant programs around money and finance. These programs assist rostered and congregational leaders address the economic challenges of being church today.

3E:

- **Educates** pastors, deacons, and lay leaders about money and finances.
- **Equips** our rostered ministers through a variety of grant types almost always guarantees that entering the grant process will provide some sense of financial relief.
- **Enacts** a model of generosity around our church that is the embodiment of God's unconditional love.

What's Next?

The Rocky Mountain Synod has been invited to apply for a Phase II (second) three-year Lilly grant to begin in January 2020. We are seeking a grant to extend the ministry and impulse of our work in 3E to greater levels of contact and influence. This includes engaging the Grand Canyon Synod as a partner. We propose designing Phase II around 3 primary "grant pillars" to include:

1. **Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS)** and extending it into a 3-year series of program offerings.
2. **Ministerial Excellence Fund (MEF)** providing various grants to rostered ministers to help develop stronger financial literacy skills and direct aid.
3. **Vital Right-Sized Ministry**, a new grant pillar, engaging both rostered ministers and congregations/ministries of the Synod to explore how the Spirit may be calling forth a new vision for ministry.

How can you provide needed support for 3E?

A requirement from Lilly Endowment for a Phase II grant hinges on the match of each individual Lilly dollar received. The goal for fundraising for 3E beginning January 2020 is \$350,000 as the RMS portion of this Phase II grant. We have realized the goals and fundraising of the first three-year 3E Lilly grant initiative and are grateful for your participation and support. We have more to do. Prepare to join us. We are on a dynamic road to growing generosity, vitality and healthy Christian communities!

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