

To: Sandra Gustavson

From: Pastor Dale Sillik

RE: Update and action request from Faith+Finances+Freedom (Lily Foundation Grant)

The application for the Lily Foundation Grant will be submitted by John Mocko on behalf of the North Carolina Synod. This grant's purpose is to assist pastors address educational debt and to assist congregations in developing effective stewardship programs with their congregation through vital ministries.

The grant will include funding for the synods of Region 9. SE Synod has committed to \$50,000 which will be matched by the grant with funding to begin early in 2020. The grant will be for three years. If the grant is approved the SE Synod will have approximately \$56,000 to assist pastors and \$24,000 to assist congregations with one of three stewardship programs (Stewardship for All Seasons, Cultivating Generous Congregations, or Executive Certificate for Religious Fundraising,) the remaining going for administration costs.

Pastors and congregations will submit applications to John Mocko, who will administer the grant. Education debt grants require completion of financial education experiences. Synod Stewardship leaders will make recommendation to the Synod Distribution Team concerning how to use the congregation stewardship monies.

Action requested: That the SE Synod Council appoint the Executive Committee of the council to serve as the Synod Distribution Team for funds distributed in the SE Synod. Funds will be distributed through the North Carolina Synod.