



The United Reformed Church Northern Synod

Guidelines for Grants MINISTRIES & DEVELOPMENT

The Synod offers five categories of grant:

1. Church Property
2. Manse Property
3. Mission
4. Ministries & Development
5. Youth & Children's Work

Each category has its own guidelines and application form, which can be downloaded from <http://urc-northernsynod.org/grants/> or obtained from Synod Office. These guidelines relate only to grants for **ministries and development**.

Note that projects which are largely concerned with the church's mission should come under mission grants.

Ministries & Development Grants

Synod makes available grants to support education and learning both for lay people and for ministers, as detailed below.

Lay Education & Learning Grants

The Synod budgets £5,000 a year, which is available to individuals or groups of lay people. This particular scheme is not available to ministers of Word and sacraments or church-related community work ministers, unless they are part of a group. The maximum grant for any application is £350 per individual or £1,000 per group, whichever is the lesser. The funding can be used for individual courses or retreats, or for group events.

The application form and these guidelines can be downloaded from the Synod website: <http://urc-northernsynod.org/grants/>.

Training for Learning and Serving/Stepwise

Synod continues to offer payment of Training for Learning and Serving and Stepwise course fees for students from the Synod. Additional courses will not normally be subsidised (more information is available from the Synod's TLS Coordinator).

These are paid direct on behalf of all students from churches in the Northern Synod, and there is no need to apply.

Lay Preachers

Grants of up to £200 are available to accredited lay preachers from the United Reformed Church for attendance at national or synod training events and the purchase of resources (such as Roots). A form is obtainable from the Lay Preaching Commissioner.

Ministerial Education & Learning Grants

For Educating for Ministry Stage 2 and 3 (EM2/EM3) grants, form G1 should be used. For sabbaticals, form G2 should be used. The forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the Synod website: <http://urc-northernsynod.org/grants/>.

Students

Grants are available for books for ministerial and church-related community work students, up to £300 each year. Application is by letter (enclosing copies of receipts) to the Synod Office for authorisation by the Synod EM3 Organiser.

Non-Stipendiary Ministers

Grants are available for books for non-stipendiary ministers in post, up to £100 per year each. Application is by letter (enclosing copies of receipts) to the Synod Office for authorisation by Synod EM3 Organiser.

Active Retired Ministers

The Synod has benefited from the work of a number of active retired ministers and CRCWMs. Where that person is not in a formally designated post, a Synod grant of up to £300 a year is available for funding education and learning. The criteria are the same as those criteria that are used for provision of Education for Ministry Stage 3 (EM3) grants. Application is by letter (enclosing copies of receipts) to the Synod Office for authorisation by Synod EM3 Organiser.

Lay Education & Learning Grant Form

Cover Sheet

Please also give your name, and your local church's name and location.

Section 1

- 1.1 Please give enough information to explain what you are planning to do, and in general terms, how it may help you in your discipleship, your skills or knowledge, your service in the local or wider church, etc.
- 1.2 If there are several people from the same church participating in the same course or training event, you may find it simpler to put in one claim on behalf of all of them, rather than each of them applying separately. In that case, their names should be given in section 1.3.

Section 2

Usually, the Synod will contact you by email if this method is available.

Section 3

- 3.1 If you claiming in section 1 on behalf of several people, there may need to be several cheques, unless your church is paying for the course/event.

Section 4

- 4.1 Costs can be detailed on a separate sheet if easier.
- 4.3 The total in this section should equal that in section 4.1. Although it is not a requirement, if you have any contributions from elsewhere (eg, local church or your own contribution), these can be detailed here.

Section 5

Your church is asked to indicate that it supports this application.

Additional Documentation

Please also enclose the following documents with your application:

- Copies of quotations or estimates