

# PASTOR WALTER AND BLANCHE WAHL CLERGY DEVELOPMENT FUND



*A component fund of the*



*Blanche & Walter Wahl*

## **BACKGROUND**

Throughout their 35-year ministry, the Bible served as the foundation and guide for what Walt and Blanche Wahl taught and lived in their daily lives. As parents, they exercised togetherness as a family. Daily devotions, with prayer and Bible reading, were a must with their six children at the nightly family dinner table. Games of all kinds stimulated competition and intellectual activity. Conservative caution was exercised with all activities outside of the family circle and when a child ventured into areas not approved by Mom and Dad, “tough love” was practiced. This nurturing proved to be successful as Walt and Blanche lived to see all six children happy in their adult lives – true to the Christian principles that guided them in their youth.

Blanche passed away on September 17, 2001. Walter passed away on July 15, 2006, after thirty-five years of ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, where they served parishes in Watson, Minnesota, Badger, Iowa, Red Oak Grove, Minnesota, Preston, Minnesota, and Columbia Heights, Minnesota. Walt was the official clergyman, but Blanche was a true apostle and also served their congregations as secretary, choir director, Sunday School teacher, and cheerleader for Christian living and wholesomeness.

## **PURPOSE OF THE FUND**

The Pastor Walter and Blanche Wahl Clergy Development Fund was established within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin on September 12, 2006 by members of their family. The designated purpose of the Fund is to provide scholarships for seminarians from, or first year pastors serving in, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

## **APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarship funding will be made available for seminarians from, or first year pastors serving in, the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Potential recipients can apply through the Synod award process and can contact the Synod office for additional information.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The Scholarship Selection Committee of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA has been designated to serve as the body to set the criteria for selection of the scholarship recipient. The Community Foundation will monitor the selection process and the proposed distributions to ensure they are not inconsistent with the Community Foundation's guidelines and are in compliance with the designated purpose of the Fund.

Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

## **NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT**

The recipient will be notified by the Southeastern Minnesota Synod office of this award. The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will confirm the selection of the committee and will make payment of scholarship funds directly to the Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA after proof of eligibility has been provided to the Community Foundation office.

Questions or requests for further information can be directed to the Community Foundation office.



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