The Jeanne Audrey Powers

LEADERSHIP *for* CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP

For United Methodist Seminarians

Leadership for Change

The Jeanne Audrey Powers Leadership for Change Scholarship is an innovative program for United Methodist seminarians studying at any one of the thirteen United Methodist seminaries in the United States or at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

It aims to bring about full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in The United Methodist Church (UMC) by supporting the development of leaders committed to this goal.

The Leadership for Change Scholarship provides assistance of up to $3,000 per year to students who are preparing for ordination as elders in the UMC and who are committed to promoting justice for gay and lesbian persons in the life of the UMC. Scholarships may be renewed for a maximum award period of three years.

The scholarship program is administered by the Office for Institutional Advancement and the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at Pacific School of Religion.

Share the Vision

The Leadership for Change Scholarship was established by Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, retired member of the Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church.

“The Church, sadly, has been slow to welcome those rendered invisible by society, to rid itself of the remnants of slavery, to ordain and recognize the qualifications of women,” says Rev. Powers.
“When the UMC changes its attitude about sexual orientation, I want to see pastors who are prepared to teach about this and other social justice issues informed by theology, ethics and scripture itself.”

“I want to encourage those who are committed to the full inclusion of gay and lesbian persons in the life of The United Methodist Church, that they might advocate from positions of pastoral leadership.”

Rev. Powers, one of the first women ordained in the UMC (1958), has long been engaged in national

and international work in the Church.

She was associate general secretary of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns from 1972 to 1996. In her retirement she continues to be an advocate for ecumenism and inclusiveness in the life of the Church.

"When the UMC changes its attitude about sexual orientation, I want to see pastors who are prepared to teach about this and other social justice issues informed by theology, ethics and scripture itself."
--REV. JEANNE AUDREY POWERS

Request an Application

You may request a scholarship application by contacting the Office for Institutional Advancement at Pacific School of Religion:

Phone 510.849.8274
Toll free 800.999.0528
Fax 510.845.8948
Email scrawford@psr.edu
Address
OFFICE FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION
1798 SCENIC AVENUE
BERKELEY, CA 94709

If you write or e-mail us to request an application, please include the following information:
Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
E-mail:

Phone:

Name of the Seminary you are enrolled in or will enroll in:

Application Deadline

The application deadline for the Leadership for Change Scholarship is May 1st of each year.

Scholarship recipients are named in June.

Award Criteria

To qualify for consideration, an applicant must:

- be a member of The United Methodist Church;
- be actively seeking elders orders within the UMC;
- be enrolled in or admitted to one of the thirteen United Methodist Seminaries in the United States or Pacific School of Religion;
- be committed to promoting justice for gay and lesbian persons in the UMC;
- show promise for ministry;
- demonstrate capacity for leadership;
- have experience with activism.

Applications are specifically welcomed from persons who are:

- members of, or supported by, a Reconciling Congregation of the UMC;
- from the South Central or South Eastern jurisdictions of the UMC.

Applications are reviewed by a committee convened by the executive director of the Center for lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at Pacific School of Religion.

A tradition of

boldness

Pacific School of Religion

A multidenominational seminary with close historic ties to the United Methodist Church, PSR has been preparing bold leaders for ministries of compassion and justice since 1866. Visit www.psr.edu to learn more.

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry

Founded in 2000 at PSR, the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry advances the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and transforms faith communities and the wider society by taking a leading role in shaping a new public discourse on religion and sexuality through education, research, community building and advocacy. Fro more information visit www.clgs.org.

Make a Gift to the Scholarship Endowment

We invite you to be a part of a historic transformation within The United Methodist Church. By contributing to the Jeanne Audrey Powers Leadership for Change Scholarship endowment, you will enable this program to encourage and support more students across the nation who are dedicated to working toward full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the church.

To make a gift, contact the Office for Institutional Advancement at Pacific School of Religion:

PACIFIC SCHOOL of RELIGION
1798 SCENIC AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94709
Phone 510.849.8274
Toll free 800.999.0528
Fax 510.845.8948
Email oia@psr.edu