

The W.G. Murrin Fund assists lay and ordained employees of the Diocese of New Westminster access to continuing educational opportunities through grants. Licenced and active (non-pensioned) deacons and priests, and parish workers on the diocesan payroll system are eligible.

Please submit your application at least six weeks before the start date of your program. The application will invite your consideration of the following:

- 1. Does the event/course of study/trip qualify for a grant? Please see the Fund terms. If in doubt, submit a query.
- 2. Have I set a budget and financial plan? Can I cover at least 25% of the cost personally? (Consideration will be given to individuals with financial challenges)
- 3. Have I first utilized the Continuing Education funds from my National church plan? Are there other sources of income I can access? You can estimate what you are hoping to receive.
- 4. Have I discussed my planned growth with an advisor and considered how my learning can enrich my present ministry?

The current yearly cap for an individual grant is up to \$2000 for an educational opportunity. Once every four years, you can apply for a grant of up to \$3000 for an extended study leave, e.g. a residential program involving significant travel and time. The diocese sets the total amount available to disperse in the calendar year. Requests are considered as they are received; earlier submissions are advised. The Murrin Fund Committee will give preference to individuals who have not previously applied.

The Murrin Fund is not intended for the purpose of obtaining primary degrees. Please speak to the Executive Archdeacon for further guidance.