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2012 URBAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Friends in Christ,

A copy of the application form for the Urban Ministry Scholarship Fund of the United Methodist City Society is available at the United Methodist City Society website, www.umcitysociety.org.

Limited funds are available for those persons who have demonstrated experience and interest in urban ministry, along with some level of financial need. The Scholarship Fund is designated **primarily** to assist those persons who are planning to enter full-time ordained ministry in a United Methodist Church with special interest in urban ministry.

All candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Membership in a church in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; and
- Enrollment in a program at a college or university approved by the Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist City Society.
- Full or part time student for the academic year 2011 – 2012
- Provide proof of financial need

Priority in the awards will be given to persons who have a desire to enter full time ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church in an urban setting. Those who are beginning college or not yet enrolled in a seminary will be considered on the basis of their future desires for urban ministry and connectedness to the United Methodist church in their vocational goals.

The Scholarship Committee will NOT review applications from persons that:

- Are not members of churches in the New York Annual Conference;
- Are not involved in urban ministries at their local church;
- Are pursuing additional advanced degrees (*i.e. second master's degree or doctoral degree*); and
- Are not pursuing programs that will lead to a degree or certificate.
- Do not submit the application by the deadline.

The **deadline for 2012 scholarship applications is Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 12 Noon (sent by email, fax or hand delivered).** Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All reference letters must come by separate cover. (You application **will not be denied** if we do not receive a reference letter from your pastor, District Superintendent, and/or Candidacy Mentor by the May 8th deadline. The scholarship committee of UMCS will meet mid-May.)

Scholarship Awards will be announced at the New York Annual Conference Session during the UM City Society Report (usually Friday, June 8th, 2012 in the morning.)

Feel free to contact me by email at bshillady@umcitysociety.org or by phone at (212) 870-3094, if you have any questions or need any further information concerning the Scholarship Fund.

In God's love, joy and humor,

Reverend Dr. William S. Shillady
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