

# **The Karl Travis Fund for Excellence in Ministry and Preaching Scholarship Guidelines**

Grace Presbytery Council has established a fund in honor of Karl Travis' ministry within Grace Presbytery and upon the occasion of his unexpected medical retirement in early 2019. As an exemplary pastor-preacher whose service is grounded in his strong Reformed faith, Karl has been an outstanding, sought-after preacher and a resilient and powerful colleague in ministry to many, both at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, and beyond., Karl is known as a stalwart Presbyterian, a guru for stewardship strategies for multi-generations, a teacher of generational theory and its applicability in congregational life, and has served on Presbytery Council.

The purpose of the Karl Travis Fund is to provide scholarship assistance to one or more seminarians who show promise for and commitment to congregational ministry with excellence in preaching. Preference will be given to Grace Presbytery candidates for ministry from First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, when applicable, then to the wider number of candidates in the presbytery.

The merit scholarship is based on demonstrated preaching ability and requires a recommendation from the applicant's seminary on their homiletic gifts. The scholarship is awarded only once per student, while enrolled in seminary.

Award disbursement - \$3000.

Application form – Preaching Excellence Scholarship Application

Application deadline – Annually, November 1<sup>st</sup> each year

## **Application Requirements**

- a. The applicant is under the care of the Grace Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- b. The applicant is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, or another church within Grace Presbytery.
- c. Applicant has completed a course in homiletics and the first year of the Master of Divinity Program from any seminary approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Grace Presbytery.
- d. The applicant has discerned the call to work in congregational ministry.
- e. Applicant is recognized for their preaching ability documented by letter of recommendation from their educational institution, i.e., Preaching or Homiletics Faculty from their seminary recognizing a strong aptitude for sharing the Word of God.

## **Other information**

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, will be notified of the award recipient by the Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The recipient may be asked to preach or participate in various worship services, as possible and appropriate.

You may fill out the form using  
Acrobat Reader and print it.

**GRACE PRESBYTERY**  
**KARL TRAVIS EXCELLENCE IN PREACHING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR \_\_\_\_\_**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Names/birthdates of children \_\_\_\_\_

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Seminary attending \_\_\_\_\_

Program of study: M.Div. MACE MATS Th.M. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a letter of recommendation from your educational institution faculty,  
supervised field studies, describing your preaching abilities.

Please attach a copy of a recent sermon transcript or a link to recorded sermon.

Please outline your communication and preaching experience.

Please list your plans for future employment: