

Our Future Pastors Need Our Help, *NOW!*

We Presbyterians have always placed a high emphasis on the importance of education, including the education of our pastors. To be an ordained minister in our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) requires a four-year bachelor's degree and a three-year Master of Divinity graduate degree. Any parent knows that higher education is expensive these days. Most church members do not know that the educational training for a minister today is the second most expensive professional training there is (doctors' training cost more, but doctors receive a bit better salary to repay loans after their studies are done).

The offering in today's ordination/installation service goes to support our local Presbytery's Inquirers and Candidates Fund. This Fund assists people under care of our Presbytery who are preparing to become Presbyterian ministers. While thousands of dollars have been given to aid our students who are studying to become pastors, the needs are always greater than that which is given. We now have twelve people under care of our Presbytery. We want to do more to help these dedicated servants in the future. We need your support today. Please give generously in the offering plate or mail your tax-deductible contribution to "Inquirers and Candidates Fund," The Presbytery of New Castle, 256 Chapman Road, Suite 205, Newark, DE 19702. **Thank you!**