



Eastern Pennsylvania Conference The United Methodist Church Loan Fund Granting Loans to Local Churches

The EPA Conference Loan Fund is a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation. Its purpose is to make loans to churches and agencies for building projects. The Board closely monitors rates in the general marketplace. Given the changes in the mortgage lending area, the Board of Directors decided to reduce the rate paid by its borrowers to 4.25%, effective January 1, 2014.

In addition to granting loans, the Loan Fund also issues an investment vehicle in the form of a certificate. The certificate can be redeemed on sixty days' notice. The Loan Board may increase or reduce rates with sixty days' notice. Due to the change in the mortgage rate, the Board approved a reduction in the certificate rate from 3% to 2.25%, effective January 1, 2014.

The Loan Fund has been closed to investors this year because of the low demand for mortgage loans. However, there is currently over \$5 million available in the fund for church building and renovation projects. Loans are secured by a mortgage and applications are available on the conference web site. Applications must be signed by the Pastor, District Superintendent and an authorized representative of the Board of Trustees. Applications must be received thirty (30) days prior to the board meeting.

The Loan board meets quarterly, on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July and October. The loans have the following favorable terms; interest rate of 4.25%, no closing costs, simple loan documentation, borrow as little as \$10,000 or up to \$750,000. There is a ten (10) year amortization period for loans greater than \$50,000, up to \$500,000 and a fifteen (15) year amortization for loans greater than \$500,000 up to \$750,000. All loans under \$50,000 are amortized over a five (5) year period.

Call **(800) 828-9093** or visit www.epaumc.org for more information or to complete or download the Loan Application form. For additional questions contact James Brown at 610-666-9090, ext. 1009

