

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

CR12.05.H02. MARY MARTHA HIMLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHEREAS, Mary Martha Himler, during her lifetime, was devoted to both the Church and to education ; and

WHEREAS, Mary Martha Himler bequeathed property to this congregation which was sold to create a trust fund, from which the investment earnings finance the ministry of the Mary Martha Himler Memorial Fund; and

WHEREAS, in August 1984, the Congregation Council first established the Mary Martha Himler Scholarship Fund as a living memorial to Mary Martha Himler's devotion to education and to the Church;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe, PA (hereafter church) shall continue and maintain the "Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship" in thanksgiving for the life and gifts of Mary Martha Himler. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage attendance of our members at Thiel College and at Lutheran seminaries. This scholarship will provide financial aid to those members of this congregation who choose to attend these institutions of higher learning. The Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship will be funded and administered as follows:

1. Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship awards shall be funded by twenty-five percent (25%) of the annual investment earning of the Mary Martha Himler trust fund. If there are no qualified applicants for a Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship in any semester, the percentage of investment earning earmarked for scholarships shall be available for any other designated ministry of the Mary Martha Himler Memorial Fund.
2. The Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship shall be for the voting members (*C8.02.c.) of this congregation who have been accepted or are in attendance at Thiel College or a seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarships awards are limited in use to tuition and/or room and board.
3. All qualified applicants who are voting members of this congregation shall receive equal scholarship awards. Scholarship award amounts shall be governed by the monies available and number of applicants. Scholarship award amounts may, therefore, vary from year-to-year.
4. Application for scholarships shall be made for the next academic year to the Special Gifts Committee (C13.05.) not later than May 31st of each year. The Special Gifts Committee shall make recommendations to the Congregation Council at its June meeting. All applicant qualification determinations and, thus, scholarship award recommendations, are at the discretion of the Special Gifts Committee with final determination by the Congregation Council. All applicants shall be notified by a pastor of this congregation as to the final scholarship award amount granted by the Congregation Council.
5. All scholarships will be paid in two installments; the first in August and the second in January of each academic year. Unless specially requested with a reason considered valid by the Special Gifts Committee, all scholarship awards will be made payable directly to Thiel College or the seminary listed on the application and sent to the scholarship recipient for remittance to the learning institution.
6. The duration of all scholarship awards will be for a single academic year. Seminary and Thiel College students must make annual application for a Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship award.
7. Seminarian and Thiel College undergraduate applicants for Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship awards shall complete and sign a Mary Martha Himler Scholarship Application, which includes a qualifications verification statement. Applicants shall also submit an official transcript of grades or a photocopy of last grading report of the learning institution indicating overall grade point average (GPA). If the applicant has yet to attend Thiel College or seminary, a photocopy of the acceptance letter from the learning institution shall be attached to the application.

8. Mary Martha Himler Memorial Scholarship award recipients shall have the following obligations:
 - To maintain a scholastic GPA of at least 2.0 or the GPA required by the learning institution to remain in good academic standing.
 - To attend worship services regularly and be active in the campus ministry program.
 - To attend a designated meeting of the Congregation Council each year to report about the school year and campus activities and work. If it is impossible to attend the designated meeting, the recipient may receive permission from a pastor of this congregation to report by letter.
9. The Special Gifts Committee shall give annual public recognition of the scholarship awards and recipients in the newsletter (i.e., Trinity Triangle) of this congregation.