



Compelling Preaching Initiative

September 2023

Grants List

In September 2023, Lilly Endowment approved 81 grants to organizations across the United States through its Compelling Preaching Initiative. The aim of the initiative is to help Christian pastors strengthen their preaching so they can better inspire, encourage and guide people to live their faith more fully.

Ranging from \$275,400 to \$1.25 million, the grants will fund programs at a variety of organizations, including congregations, theological schools, faith-affiliated colleges and universities and media organizations, church resourcing organizations, denominational judicatories, parachurch organizations and other church networks. These organizations reflect diverse Christian communities, including Anabaptist, Black Church, Catholic, Evangelical, Orthodox Christian, Pentecostal and Protestant traditions.

Organization	Location	Amount
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	Charlotte, NC	\$1,250,000
Allegheny Synod, ELCA	Altoona, PA	\$1,250,000
Anderson University	Anderson, IN	\$1,250,000
Anderson University	Anderson, SC	\$1,100,000
Archdiocese of Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA	\$1,250,000
Ashland University	Ashland, OH	\$819,221
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin, TX	\$1,248,603
Azusa Pacific University	Azusa, CA	\$1,249,837
Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina	Winston-Salem, NC	\$275,400

Baylor University	Waco, TX	\$1,250,000
Belmont University	Nashville, TN	\$421,596
Catholic Church Extension	Chicago, IL	\$750,000
Catholic Theological Union at Chicago	Chicago, IL	\$1,249,830
Catholic University of America	Washington, DC	\$1,128,941
Central Christian College of the Bible	Moberly, MO	\$1,210,605
Charles Simeon Trust	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Christian & Missionary Alliance	Reynoldsburg, OH	\$999,751
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	Evanston, IL	\$1,250,000
City Seminary of New York	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur, GA	\$1,250,000
Corazon Puro	Bronx, NY	\$1,250,000
Covenant Theological Seminary	St. Louis, MO	\$1,189,015
Eastern University	St. Davids, PA	\$1,250,000
Emmanuel Gospel Center	Dorchester, MA	\$1,249,891
Episcopal Diocese of Texas	Houston, TX	\$1,250,000
Evangelical Covenant Church	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Every Nation Churches & Ministries	Brentwood, TN	\$1,249,613

Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	Lakeland, FL	\$1,249,273
Fuller Theological Seminary	Pasadena, CA	\$1,250,000
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina	Raleigh, NC	\$1,193,380
George Fox University	Newberg, OR	\$1,250,000
Global Impact	Alexandria, VA	\$1,249,342
Grand View University	Des Moines, IA	\$1,250,000
Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	Neptune, NJ	\$1,249,980
Green Lake Conference Center	Green Lake, WI	\$1,250,000
Gustavus Adolphus College	St. Peter, MN	\$1,250,000
Hastings College	Hastings, NE	\$1,120,748
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology	Brookline, MA	\$1,125,995
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship-USA	Madison, WI	\$644,556
Johnson University	Knoxville, TN	\$1,250,000
Latin American Bible Institute	La Puente, CA	\$1,249,820
Lee University	Cleveland, TN	\$1,241,763
Life Pacific University	San Dimas, CA	\$1,249,175
Macedonian Ministry Foundation	Powder Springs, GA	\$1,250,000
Made to Flourish	Overland Park, KS	\$612,175

Marian University	Indianapolis, IN	\$1,166,000
McCormick Theological Seminary	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas	Little Rock, AR	\$1,249,972
Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA	New York, NY	\$1,249,991
Milligan University	Milligan College, TN	\$1,201,100
Ministry Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Cordova, TN	\$1,250,000
Moody Bible Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
Mountain Sky Conference United Methodist Church	Centennial, CO	\$1,250,000
North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church	Garner, NC	\$1,161,248
Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation	Omaha, NE	\$1,249,912
Point University	West Point, GA	\$1,249,440
Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America	Santa Fe Springs, CA	\$1,244,735
Presbytery of Philadelphia	Philadelphia, PA	\$1,250,000
Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia	Alexandria, VA	\$1,250,000
Redeemer City to City	New York, NY	\$1,250,000
Saint John's University	Collegeville, MN	\$1,250,000
Samford University	Birmingham, AL	\$1,201,697
Seattle School of Theology and Psychology	Seattle, WA	\$1,250,000

Seton Hall University	South Orange, NJ	\$1,250,000
Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ	Framingham, MA	\$1,250,000
St. Luke's Episcopal Church	Atlanta, GA	\$1,250,000
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary	Wynnewood, PA	\$1,200,000
St. Nersess Armenian Seminary	Armonk, NY	\$1,241,005
St. Paul School of Theology	Leawood, KS	\$1,065,405
St. Thomas More Catholic Community	St. Paul, MN	\$1,250,000
The Synod of the Covenant	Bloomfield Hills, MI	\$1,250,000
Theology of Work Project	Cambridge, MA	\$1,250,000
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville, TN	\$1,250,000
Union Theological Seminary	New York, NY	\$1,224,882
University of Chicago	Chicago, IL	\$1,250,000
University of Redlands	Redlands, CA	\$1,241,340
Upper NY Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church	Liverpool, NY	\$1,250,000
Wesleyan Impact Partners	Austin, TX	\$1,250,000
Western Theological Seminary	Holland, MI	\$1,250,000
Westmont College	Santa Barbara, CA	\$1,250,000
Whitworth University	Spokane, WA	\$1,226,413