**Lutheran Men in Mission** is dedicated to the spiritual uplifting of men in today’s world. One way we can do this is by funding to registrations to attend the “One Year to Live” (OYTL) Kick-Off Retreat to encourage men to connect with other men. The OYTL kick-off retreat “experience” provides a venue to discover your own value, reveal your passion, and pursue your mission. The **OYTL Scholarship Fund** is dedicated to the notion that every man deserves to know they are valued and significant. In this retreat men walk beside one another and hold each other up with love and respect. In this way they come to know how to be a man just as Jesus Christ was entirely a man knowing every aspect of our humanity.

The OYTL Scholarship Fund was created because the fee for the One Year to Live retreat may be burdensome for some men. Money should never be the reason for men to stay home from this life changing experience. By making this retreat more affordable and accessible, our hope is that more men will find the freedom and hope offered through a One Year to Live experience. We hope the recipients will anonymously provide feedback regarding their experience and the impact the retreat has on their lives.

**Eligibility**

The **OYTL Scholarship Fund** is available to men of all ages who may be in need to offset the cost of attending a One Year to Live retreat. The typical cost of the retreat is between $175 and $200. This fund will pay up to 90% of the retreat cost. Reimbursement for additional expenses, such as travel, will also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Funding Process**

Men requesting assistance from **OYTL Scholarship Fund** should discuss their needs with the representative of the OYTL retreat which they plan to attend. The OYTL retreat representative contact information will be on the retreat registration flyer. Funding requests may be submitted to them. The local OYTL retreat team will review, and either approve or deny the request. The local retreat team will submit approved scholarship reimbursement requests to LMM Treasurer. LMM Treasurer will include scholarship funds with collected registration fees to the local team.

**Funding Request**

To submit a request from the **OYTL Scholarship Fund**, please submit the following information to the local **One Year to Live** retreat representative:

1. Name, address and contact information of the individual requesting sponsorship.
2. Location and date of the One Year to Live retreat planning
3. Name of the OYTL team representative
4. A brief statement (one or two paragraphs) explaining the need for financial assistance, what the man hopes to gain from this experience, or any other statement explaining the need and desire for this assistance.

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