

ESTATE PLANNING FOR MINISTERS



One of CBF North Carolina's deepest commitments is to equip and support ministers as they respond to God's call on their lives. In recent years, our team has had many conversations with ministers regarding what we may be able to do to care for them. One common personal concern we heard again and again is the minister's need to provide for his/her family.

Providing includes not only financial resources but other matters of planning and stability. A number of pastors indicated that they did not have a reliable estate plan (will) in place because of the time and expense involved.

CBFNC is now offering estate planning assistance to ministers as a tangible expression of our care for them and their families. Through this new grant program, CBFNC assists ministers with an efficient and economical solution to obtain a will and related documents (such as powers of attorney). *For estate planning assistance beginning 09.01.2026 and beyond.*

HOW THE GRANT PROGRAM WORKS:

- Email CBFNC to let us know you'd like to participate. Please provide your name, church name and name of your attorney if you have one.
- Use your own trusted attorney, or ask us for a referral to a vetted attorney in your region.
- You pay the attorney directly; once your will is executed, CBFNC will reimburse you up to \$500, which often covers nearly the full cost.

Your privacy matters to us. We won't ask about the details of your family situation or estate plan. Our goal is simply to help you get this done and take the stress off your plate. We recommend working with an attorney (rather than an online template) because that's the approach ministers and attorneys alike have told us works best. That is why we have not partnered with any online services and instead are recommending attorneys within the CBFNC network.

QUESTIONS OR APPLICATIONS

If you have any questions or would like to apply for a grant, contact us at your convenience. Email Jim Hylton, CBFNC business administration coordinator, (finance@cbfnc.org) or Jason Cogdill, CBFNC legal resource partner, (legal@cbfnc.org) with your name, church name and attorney, if you have one.