

APPLICATION FOR MISSIONS AND NEW MINISTRY GRANT

Does your church have a vision to do something new and creative, but you're not sure how to fund it? Has God placed a dream on your heart, and now you are waiting for God's provision? There is no time like the present to follow where God is leading you. The Mid-Michigan District is excited to be able to offer grant funding for district churches/groups of churches that are ready to engage in new ministries that will impact their communities in transformative ways.

Does your church's ministry idea reflect the missional focus of the Mid-Michigan District? Will your new ministry:

- Engage your congregation in transformational, Christ-centered mission/ministry in your community?**
- Identify, equip, support, and deploy bold and effective leaders?**
- Lead to the development of a more vibrant congregation?**

If so, your church is encouraged to apply for a Mid-Michigan District New Ministry Grant.

Mid-Michigan District Mission Team

If you have questions about the Grant Application Process contact Cathy Provines at cathy.provines@gmail.com or call 517-285-5402

GRANT INFORMATION AND CRITERIA

Your grant must address at least one of the following criteria to be considered:

- 1. Outreach ministries to your community.**
- 2. Innovative and creative ministries.**
- 3. Ministries that invite/engage people on the margins to encounter the Gospel.**
- 4. Peace with justice ministries.**
- 5. Ministry that supports the Vital Church Initiative/REACH processes and prescriptions.**
- 6. Ministry that supports the stated vision of your church.**

Eligible applicants include all local churches or groups of churches in the Mid-Michigan District.

Grant Proposals will be reviewed by the District Mission Team, and applicants will be notified of their decision as soon as possible.

All grant recipients shall submit pictures and a newsworthy article to the Mid-Michigan District Office so that their story can be shared. Additional reporting may be required.

Grant Thresholds:

\$500 - \$5000 approval by Board of Missions with simpler approval

\$5001 - \$10,000 approval by Board of Missions but with more stringent requirements

\$10,001 - \$20,000 Recommendation by Board of Missions and Final Approval by the District Leadership Team

Mid-Michigan Application for Missions and Ministry

Church:

Address:

City, State and Zip Code:

Church Phone:

Email:

Person and title submitting this application:

Phone:

Application Type:

_____ New Ministry – less than 12 months old

_____ Ongoing Ministry – more than 12 months old

_____ Mission Trip (Local/Domestic/International)

_____ Other – Describe below

Attach the following information:

- Name of Ministry/Mission:
- A description of your ministry/mission including responses to the following questions:
 - What need are you addressing?
 - How will this ministry/mission address this need?
 - How does this ministry address the grant criteria?

What is your anticipated start date:

If you receive a grant, do you agree to tell your story?

How will you measure success?

Financial Information

Total Anticipated Annual Expense (First Year):

Amount Funded by this Grant:

Amount Funded by Church:

Total Anticipated Annual Expense (Second Year):

Other Funding:

Sources for Additional Funding:

Itemized Budget: (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Plans for ongoing funding if applicable:

Who should be notified as to whether or not this request has been granted?

Name and title:

Phone:

Email:

Make payable to:

Pastor's Name:

Pastor's Signature

Administrative Council Chairperson Signature or Appropriate Person:

Date:

Please submit grant request to: sgillette@michiganumc.org