

Michigan Conference Discipleship Grant Application

What is the purpose of the grants?

The purpose is to fund new, innovative approaches toward fulfilling the Michigan Conference's Purpose and Vision.

"The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God." – *Book of Discipline of The UMC 2016, Paragraph 601*

The Michigan Conference equips and connects through:

- Christ-Centered Mission and Ministry;
- Bold and Effective Leaders;
- Vibrant Congregations.

What are the primary sources for grants?

Grants for Children's Ministries/Discipleship Ministries come from several sources including Christian Education Sunday giving, and designated funds from the former Detroit and West Michigan Conferences.

Who Can Apply?

Michigan Conference Congregations, Conference Agencies, District Agencies, and UMC related non-profits and organizations.

What are the funding priorities?

Grants will be awarded to new, innovative projects that fulfill the Michigan Conference Purpose and Vision with the following characteristics:

- Ministries relating to children (birth through 5th grade) and discipleship ministries (adult, older adult, intergenerational, family, etc.) Ministries related to youth and young adults should contact the Board of Young People's Ministries (Rev. Christy Miller-Black – pastorchristym.b@gmail.com).
- New, emerging, and/or innovative project that makes "...disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."
- Part of a larger ministry strategy for your congregation, agency, or organization.
- Build relationships with a variety of partners.
- Demonstrate potential for replication or multiplication in other contexts.
- Address pressing issues impacting the local church, local community, and/or the world.
- Plan for evaluating outcomes and the process.
- Demonstrated potential for sustainability (i.e. activities will continue beyond the grant).

What is the ideal amount, entities should request for grant consideration?

Grant request amounts may be between \$100-\$1,500.

What is the grant application process?

Grants for Children's Ministries/ Discipleship Ministries will be awarded no less than three times a year. Applications are due July 1, November 1, and March 1.

Applicants must complete the entire application and email it to the address below.

Congregations, agencies, and organizations may only apply for one grant per calendar a year for up to two consecutive years.

The Grant Team will review applications and respond within thirty days after July 1st, November 1st, and March 1st deadlines.

Where do I submit the completed application?

Please mail or email (preferred) applications to:

Rev. Kathy Pittenger
Michigan Conference
1161 E Clark Rd Ste 212
Dewitt, MI 48820
kpittenger@michiganumc.org

Additional Questions?

Please contact:

Rev. Kathy Pittenger, Children's Initiatives Coordinator
Phone: (517) 347-4030 Ext. 4077 Email: kpittenger@michiganumc.org

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION

Date:

Name of Ministry/Project: _____		
Name of Congregation, Agency, or UM Related Organization: _____		
District: _____ Central Bay _____ East Winds _____ Greater Detroit _____ Greater Southwest _____ Heritage _____ Mid-Michigan _____ Midwest _____ Northern Skies _____ Northern Waters		
Address:		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Fax: _____	

Primary Contact Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Fax: _____	
Email: _____		

Please complete the grant amount you are requesting and check what vision area(s) your project will address.

Grant Amount: \$ _____		
Christ-Centered Mission & Ministry: _____	Bold & Effective Leaders: _____	Vibrant Congregations: _____

Describe the purpose of the project in the form of a 280-Character Tweet: _____
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Does your congregation, agency, or organization currently receive conference funds:		
Yes: _____	No: _____	If yes, what is the amount and source \$

Do you agree and/or need assistance with an evaluation process to complete an end-of-project written evaluation?	Yes: _____	No: _____
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Please attach responses to the following questions:

1. What is the primary purpose and primary goals of your project? (150 words or less)
2. How does your project innovatively address the goals of your church and the Conference Vision Statement? (150 words or less)
3. How will you know if your project accomplishes its goals? (150 words or less)
4. Describe the partners and relationships that will be created or sustained for this proposed project to be successful. (150 words or less)
5. What is your project's budget? Please include:
Income (MI Conference Grant Request, Other UMC and/or Community Grants, Budgeted Funds).
Line Item Expenses.

Signatures:

Applicant: _____	Date: _____
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Senior Pastor/District Superintendent/Church Council Chair : _____	Date: _____
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Date Grant Received: _____

Date Grant Reviewed: _____

Amount Approved: _____

Check Requested: _____

Church Notified: _____

Date of Follow up: _____

Additional Notes: