

Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church
EngageMI 2023
NEW Michigan Conference Project
Abbreviated Application
For Ministries Overseen by a Michigan Conference Board or Division

This abbreviated application is for ministries that are already reviewed and supported by Michigan Conference Boards or Divisions. Forms must be completed by new and renewing ministries and submitted by January 31, 2023.

What is EngageMI?

EngageMI is the comprehensive mission program of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church. It challenges Michigan Conference congregations to participate in missional learning, giving and action with the goal of encouraging congregations to shift from transactional to relational ministry; from “ministry to” to “ministry with”.

The Michigan Conference Board of Global Ministries EngageMI program promotes local, national and international projects as well as mission personnel. Among them are United Methodist related mission and ministry projects located in Michigan, which are called Conference Christ-Centered Missions and Ministry (CCMM) projects. Find more information about the EngageMI program and projects at <https://michiganumc.org/engage-mi/>.

What projects can be included in the EngageMI program?

Conference CCMM Projects should meet the following criteria:

- United Methodist related and located within Michigan
- Respect the inherent dignity and intrinsic worth of all people engaged in the ministry
- Include vulnerable and marginalized people in governance, strategic decision making and day-to-day leadership
- Transcend boundaries of race, class, social status, etc.
- Engage in both works of mercy and justice
- Include existing or emerging capacity to engage congregations across the conference in learning, giving and acting.
- Embrace an innovative or creative approach to mission and ministry
- Include an established leadership team, financial records and at least one year of operation

Instructions

Please complete the application below only if the project or organization is overseen by a Michigan Conference Board or Division. For example, Wesley Foundation student ministries are overseen by the Conference Division of Higher Education and should use this form. The application will be reviewed by the Conference Board of Global Ministries and the project’s primary contact will be notified by March 1, 2023.

Note: If your organization is not overseen by a Michigan Conference Board or Division or if you have another question, please contact Rev. Alice Townley at atownley@michiganumc.org.

Submit by January 31, 2023

Mail a completed application to: Rev. Alice Townley, 1011 Northcrest Road, Lansing, MI 48823 or email a digital copy with attachments to engagemi@michiganumc.org.

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Date: _____

Name of Ministry/Project: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone and Fax: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Social Media: _____

Name of Primary Contact: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How long has the project/organization been in operation? _____

Please list the related Conference Board: _____

Please attach the following as applicable:

1. Briefly describe (80 words or less) the mission and key programs of the project/organization. This should be appropriate for use in the EngageMI Project Booklet.
2. Provide an example of how your project/organization intentionally engages United Methodist congregations in learning, giving and acting.
3. Provide a brief story and a digital photo that introduces or describes the mission of your project/organization that could be shared in Conference communications. The photo should be an “action shot” that focuses on WHAT you do - not where you do it or who does it. The fewer people in the photo, the better. Be sure that the story and photo can be shared on the internet.

Applications are due January 31, 2023