



Western Waters District

Michigan Conference

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APPLICATION FOR EXISTING & NEW MINISTRY GRANT

Does your church have a vision to do something new and creative, but short on funds? 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 and your church to make a difference for the "transformation of the world".

The Western Waters District is excited to be able to offer grant funding for district churches that are engaging in new ministry opportunities, and ongoing ministries that are vital to the community. Past grant awards have ranged from a few hundred dollars to \$5,000, thanks to the continuing support of local churches, through payment of Ministry Shares. Where is Christ calling you to serve and witness to God's love? Join us in taking risks for the sake of the *Kingdom* of God.

Western Waters District Leadership Team

Jodie Flessner
District Superintendent

GRANT CRITERIA

We are looking for results beyond what your congregation is currently experiencing - such as the criteria listed below. Your grant must address at least one of these criterion in order to be considered.

1. Professions of faith and Baptisms
2. Church School and small group participation
3. Outreach ministries to your community
4. All of God's people and/or people on the margins coming into contact with the Gospel
5. Innovative and creative ministries
6. Peace with Justice ministries
7. Support the work of Congregational Vibrancy or SAS Development => <https://michiganumc.org/resources/revitalization/>
8. Support the Vision of your church

PROCEDURE

Interested churches should complete this application and email or snail mail to:

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Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: (616) 459-4503
Email: lbode@michiganumc.org

Grants will be awarded as funds are available. If your request is an emergency, contact Liz Bode and let her know. All other grants will be considered at the next District Leadership Team meeting. All applicants will be notified of the decision as soon as possible. All grant recipients are required to submit photos and an evaluation describing how the funds were used. Additional reporting may be required, as requested.

1. What is the vision of your church?

2. Describe how this ministry will demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to your community?

3. How does this ministry address the grant criteria?

4. Has the appropriate governing board of your church given its approval?

a. *What % of District + Conference Ministry Shares has the church paid in the past 3 years?*

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Anticipated Annual Expense:

Amount Funded By This Grant:

Amount Funded By Participants:

Amount Funded By This Church:

Other Funding:

Sources For This Additional Funding:

Itemized Budget: (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

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

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Make Check Payable to:

Pastor's Name:

Pastor's Signature:

Date: