

**West Virginia Annual Conference
Board of Global Ministries**

Guidelines for Southern WV Mission Initiative Grant and New Mission Ministries Grant

Mission Statement

God's Holy Spirit calls the Church into being for mission. The Church experiences and engages in God's mission as it pours itself out for others, ready to cross every boundary to call for true human dignity among all peoples, especially among those regarded as the least of God's children, all the while making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.

Purpose of Grants

The Southern WV Mission Initiative Grant and Mission Ministries Grant are both designed to provide churches and church ministries within the WV Annual Conference an opportunity to initiate new ministries in local communities throughout the conference that will alleviate human suffering and/or seek justice especially to those who find themselves marginalized. These grants are intentionally established to support and encourage local creativity in response to local necessity.

Southern WV Mission Initiative Grant

The geographic areas that are included in the Southern WV Mission Initiative Grant and therefore eligible for consideration are the following twelve counties: Boone, Fayette, Greenbrier, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming. These southern WV Annual Conference counties have a US Census Bureau poverty rate at or above 15% as of March 2013.

Mission Ministries Grant

The geographic areas that are included in the Mission Ministries Grant are any WV Annual Conference county, charge or church not included in the Southern WV Mission designated area.

Criteria for the Grants

1. The Grants are to be used to help local United Methodist churches and church ministries undertake and establish a mission emphasis in their community which will alleviate human suffering and/or seek justice especially to those who find themselves marginalized.
2. Projects should be sponsored or partially sponsored by local United Methodist Churches, or other WV Conference bodies.
3. Any WV Conference Mission Project that is receiving Work Funds from the Conference budget is not eligible to participate in the grant program.
4. Requests by Church and Community Workers are only eligible if the grant application is originated by and in partnership with a local United Methodist church, charge or parish.
5. Funds will not be granted for replacement of existing funding.
6. Funds will not be granted for salary support.
7. Maximum grant is \$3000.
8. Granted projects will be funded no more than three times.
9. A report on the most recently funded project including a financial statement needs to be on file with the Missions Coordinator before any additional requests are considered.
10. Applications are accepted any time during the year.
11. Signatures of the pastor, administrative board/Church council chairperson and district superintendent are required for the application to be considered completed.

12. It shall be the responsibility of the WV Conference Board of Global Ministries—
Leadership Team to
determine eligibility for a grant and the amount to be granted.
13. The grant amount may be decreased or denied under any of the following conditions:
Only completed applications (all parts responded to) will be considered
The church is paying less than 100% of conference apportionments
Application does not show adequate need for the grant
Sponsorship by a local UMC, or other WV Conference bodies is not adequate
Application does not meet the intent of the grant (undertake and establish a
mission emphasis)
The 2 attachments have not been included
Inadequate number of partners
14. Complete the progress report 3 months after receiving the money and again at
completion of the project.

If you have any questions, you may contact

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