

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

**Guidelines for 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 Grant**

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

**Mission Ministries Grant**

The geographic area that is included in the Mission Ministries Grant is any WV Annual Conference county, charge or church.

**Criteria for the Grants**

1. The Grant is to be used to help local United Methodist churches and church ministries undertake and establish a mission emphasis or expand a current ministry 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 or as long as monies are available.
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 requested on the application have not been included, if appropriate
  - Inadequate number of partners
14. Complete and submit the evaluation report at completion of the project.

If you have any questions, you may contact

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