

Since 1963, the mission of The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas has been to create and administer permanent charitable endowment funds to strengthen and expand Methodist ministries in Arkansas. By offering financial resources, we empower Arkansas Methodist congregations, individuals, and organizations to make a difference in the lives of others and make Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Knowing that the local congregation is where this Mission takes place, the Foundation wishes to provide resources to assist in this critical ministry. You are invited to present a Request for Proposal to seek funding up to \$10,000 for a grant that promotes the Mission of your local congregation. This request can come from your congregation, a Sunday School class, a youth group, or any small group such as United Women in Faith.

We understand the Mission of the local Congregation as defined in Paragraph 122 of the Book of Discipline:

We make disciples as we:

- **Proclaim** the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;
- **Lead** persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
- **Nurture** persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing;
- **Send** persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and
- **Continue** the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.

Please review the following document, complete it, and submit your idea for consideration by our committee.

- 1) Tell us who you are and provide information about your ministry setting.
- 2) What is a ***new and innovative*** program/activity in your ministry setting that will enhance the expression of the Gospel and further the mission of your local congregation?
- 3) Please summarize your project and its primary objectives.
- 4) Name and describe the persons affected by your project.
- 5) Who will be your partners and collaborators?
- 6) Assessing Impact (How will you know your project has succeeded?)
- 7) Provide a follow-up Report (The Foundation will ask for information as to your project's progress and success)
- 8) Basic Timeline (Provide a monthly plan for developing and implementing your project)
- 9) Budget (Please provide detailed line-item budget with expenses)

Specifics:

Grant Amount – Up to (amount to be determined by committee)

Please limit your application to 5 pages

Prohibited Activities – these funds may not be used for “operational expenses” (salaries, benefits, utilities, etc.)

You may duplicate this document to complete it and forward it to
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