

Approved by the Regional Operations Council on 10/28/21.

Christian Church in the Upper Midwest Grant Fund Descriptions and Purpose

All grants are understood to be Partnership gifts with congregations. The intention of the grants is to inspire new ministries while encouraging congregational ownership of those ministries. Grants should promote/encourage the “Wholeness in a Fragmented World” that Jesus modeled in his ministry.

Disciples Together Grant

This grant is funded with money allocated in the Regional Budget directly connected to and dependent upon the Disciples Mission Fund offering given by congregations each year. This grant fund is to be used to encourage and support ministries that take place between two or more Disciples congregations.

Valley View New Ministry Grant

This grant is funded from the interest income produced upon money given by Valley View Christian Church at their closing. This grant is to be used to encourage NEW ministries started by a particular congregation.

New Church Grant

This grant is funded through New Church Pentecost special offering and funds collected over the years. This grant is to be used to support work related to starting new churches. This grant is not to exceed three annual grants.

Anti-Racism/Pro-reconciliation Grant

This grant is funded solely through the Anti-Racism/Pro-reconciliation special offering. 50% of the offering is used to support these grants in Region and 50% is sent to support wider ministry in this area. This grant is to be used to support ministries or projects that directly address Pro-reconciliation in the areas of race and/or poverty in local communities. This grant is not to be used for ongoing annual funding.

NBA/UMW Older Adult Ministry Grant: This grant is funded from the interest income produced on gift money originally given by several donors from the UMW to NBA to support ministry to older adults. This grant is to be used support and encourage new ministry efforts with older adults. This grant is not to be used for ongoing annual funding.

Christian Church in the Upper Midwest Guidelines & Rules Regarding Application for Grants

1. It is understood that all grant requests must originate from at least one Disciple congregation or from an Upper Midwest regional committee or ministry.
2. A congregation/ministry can receive only one grant from any particular fund every 12 months.
3. A congregation/ministry can receive a grant from no more than two separate funds in a 12 month period of time.
4. Although grants can vary with the need, the standard grant will not exceed \$2000.
5. Grant Applications are submitted via the online application form on the regional website.
6. Grant Applications will be considered at the next possible Operations Council meeting. Operations Council typically meets once each month.
7. A representative of the congregation or ministry requesting the grant may be contacted by a member of the Grants Committee and/or may be asked to attend an Operations Council meeting (online) for clarification and questions.
8. After the grant is considered by the Operations Council, applicants can expect to be contacted by a member of the Grants Committee regarding the outcome of their application as well as the process for disbursement of funds and any follow-up required.
9. Grant recipients are expected to report on the ministry and the use of the grant funds through the UMW Grant Reporting Form. The information received through the Reporting Form may be shared publicly with the region through email or print communications, on the regional website, or presented at the All Congregational Gathering. *Note: It is the responsibility of the grant recipient to ensure that photos submitted on the Reporting Form are used with permission.*

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