



MISSOURI MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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GRANT APPLICATION -- SUPPORTING MINISTRY

Please be aware that the Supporting Ministry is seeking to fulfill the following mandates on behalf of the Missouri Mid-South Conference in awarding these grants:

- **Support congregations and ministries whose mission embraces the Conference directional goals of Identity, Hospitality, and Spirituality**
- **Support congregations and ministries that help us fulfill our call and challenge to live out our identity as a Just Peace Conference**
- **Support congregations and ministries who can demonstrate that the funding we provide will have a direct and lasting impact on the mission and ministry they hope to provide**

A total of \$12,500 will be awarded—two grants in the amount of \$5,000 and one in the amount of \$2,500. Applicants must indicate for which of the grants they are applying.

Please note that it is essential that applicants adhere to the format of the Grant Application Form including response to the seven (7) questions in addition to the general Brief Project Description. This will enable the Supporting Ministry to adequately evaluate each application relative to the others received. Applications which are incomplete are difficult to assess fairly.

Please be aware that the funds you receive come to you from the contributions made from local churches within the Conference through their support of Our Church's Wider Mission.

And finally, it should be noted up front that each grant that is awarded will be accompanied by a form that asks the recipient to attest to outcomes and progress that resulted from the funds received; and that final payment of the grant awarded will not be sent until that form is completed and mailed to the Conference Office.

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GRANT GUIDELINES

1. Describe the purpose for the grant you are seeking.
2. Describe how this request implements the directional goals of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ: Identity, Hospitality, and Spirituality.
3. Describe how the ministry you provide helps fulfill the vision of the Missouri Mid-South Conference as a Just Peace Conference.
4. Describe the operational plan for the project addressing these items: How will the project be implemented? Who will do it? Who will be served? How will the results be evaluated?
5. Please provide a project budget, listing all income and expenses. List all sources of confirmed and requested funding, including in-kind contributions and funds received from other United Church of Christ organizations specifically designated for this project. If the total of these funding sources does not equal the annual project budget, please explain plans to secure the necessary remaining funding. If the project plan extends beyond the calendar year 2009, what options for future funding sources are being planned to sustain this project?
6. Agency Applicants: Describe in what manner and which United Church of Christ congregations support this project. Church Applicants: Describe the involvement of other congregations or community groups in this project.
7. If you received funding in 2009 please provide a one-page written financial report detailing all expenditures made with 2009 funding. This should include a narrative account of how the funds were spent and the outcomes achieved from the funding. Please also include the results of any annual evaluation of the operational plan that was conducted.