

SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Michigan Conference - United Church of Christ

Grant Request Form

Please read the Grant Criteria included with this application prior to completing the form.

Date of Request: _____

Name of Church: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Daytime Phone:** _____

email: _____

mailing address: _____

Name of Ministry, Program, or Event for Which Funds are Being Requested:

State the Goals for this Ministry/Program:

Write a Brief Description of the Ministry/Program and include or attach a budget:

Is this a first time request? _____ **What is the amount of this request?** _____

What other sources of funding will you be using?

Please submit this form to a member of the Association Council for consideration.

Use additional pages as necessary.

Date Received: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

Amount Granted: _____

Criteria for Southwest Association Grants

Grants shall be awarded on an ongoing basis by the Association Council as funds are available. Grant Application forms can be downloaded from the Association website. Completed forms should be submitted to an Association Council representative for consideration.

Grants will be reviewed and awarded by the Association Council based on the following priorities:

- Proposals from new grant applicants will be given priority over renewal requests.
- Proposals for sustainable growth in the local church will be given priority over proposals for maintenance.
- Proposals that reach beyond the people already served, to people who are not currently members of the local congregation will be given priority over proposals that serve the needs of current members.
- Proposals that focus on leadership development and training will be given priority over proposals to fund programs that do not involve leadership development and training.
- Proposals involving collaboration with sister churches in the Southwest Association will be given priority over proposals that do not involve collaboration with sister churches.

Each grant recipient will make a presentation (approximately 10 minutes) at the subsequent SW Association meeting celebrating what they were able to accomplish in ministry with their grant.

Presentations may include visual displays, video and storytelling and should cover the following areas:

- What was the need/opportunity that you were responding to?
- How did you use your grant to respond to that need/opportunity?
- What impact did it make on your congregation, community?
- What did you learn that might be helpful to share with sister congregations?

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