

**Northern Illinois Conference
United Methodist Church
Board of Church and Society**

Grant Programs Application Instructions

The Board of Church and Society administers two different grant programs: Emerging Ministries Grants, and Peace with Justice Grants. Each program is detailed below. The same application is used to apply to both programs. All applications are due December 30, 2011.

Emerging Ministries Grants Programs

Purpose: The Northern Illinois Conference intends to fund a limited number of grants to support emerging ministries in northern Illinois. The grants will support new programs in areas that have been identified by the Conference Board of Church and Society as areas of unmet need. These include: 1. Economic Justice, 2. Reducing Community Violence, 3. Environmental Improvement, and 4. Immigration.

Examples of eligible projects: after-school programs, outreach programs, educational programs, programs that meet the needs of specific groups, and many others.

Eligibility: United Methodist churches or church related non-for-profit organizations may apply for the funds.

Grant Amounts: The Conference plans to fund approximately 4-5 projects at a maximum of \$2500 each.

Period of Support: Grant decisions will be made in January 2012. Projects should be completed by December 31, 2012.

Reporting Requirements: Before November 30, 2012, grant recipients are expected to send an interim report to the NICBCS describing the outcomes of the project and how the funds were used.

Peace with Justice Grants Program

The Board of Church and Society funds a variety of grants to support ministries that promote peace and justice.

Examples of eligible projects: Projects that focus on violence, suicide prevention, or domestic violence.

Eligibility: United Methodist churches or church related non-for-profit organizations may apply for the funds.

Grant Amounts: The Conference will fund projects dependent upon the funds received from the Peace with Justice Sunday offering each year.

Period of Support: Grant decisions will be made in January 2012. Projects should be completed by December 31, 2012.

Reporting Requirements: Before November 30, 2012, grant recipients are expected to send an interim report to the NICBCS describing the outcomes of the project and how the funds were used.

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GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete every section of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This application is used for both Emerging Ministries and Peace with Justice grant programs.

Project Title:

Anticipated Ministry Dates:

Name of Group Implementing Ministry:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Website, if any:

Person Responsible for the project:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Cell phone:

Email:

Project Description:

Which Mission(s) of the United Methodist Church and/or Conference strategies and priorities does the ministry address? Check the one or two most appropriate categories:

- 1. Social Holiness _____
- 2. Spiritual Leadership _____
- 3. Developing Leaders for the church _____
- 4. Developing and redeveloping the church _____
- 5. Creating Community _____
- 6. Claiming Christ on the Margins _____
- 7. Peace with Justice _____

Describe how this project fulfills this ministry. If this is a Peace with Justice project, how does this project promote peace, justice, or both?

Describe how this ministry will impact the Local Church and/or the NIC.

Are there any currently existing ministries that meet the same needs? How is this ministry different?

What is the total amount needed for the project?

Has this ministry been funded by any previous church-related or outside grant? If so, provide details.

What is the total amount requested from NICBCS?

How will this amount be spent? (Provide a *detailed* budget for the ministry by category. Use extra pages if necessary. Make sure expenses are divided into appropriate groups, including personnel costs, supplies, utilities, rent, janitorial services, program materials, music, and any equipment costs. Most *unfunded* applications do not provide enough detail in this budget.)

Leadership of the project:

Relevant partnerships, if any:

How do you intend to ensure this project's sustainability?

Expected impact of the Ministry (for example, number of people or churches impacted and the type of impact of the project):

Do you wish to include any other information that you believe to be helpful to the committee?

Has the sponsoring organization completed any Emerging Ministry or Peace with Justice projects in the past?

Name of person filling out this form:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Signature

Date

Return this completed application by mail or fax to:

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