



Upper New York Annual Conference
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To Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places.

UPPER NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE
REQUEST FOR MINISTRY FUND MICROGRANT

APPLICATION DEADLINES: MARCH 1, 2011 and JULY 31, 2011

(Approved applications received by the first deadline will receive funds earlier.)

Upper New York Annual Conference seeks to empower our sisters and brothers in Christ to live their love for God by responding to God's calls to service. In order to support new and emerging ministries, funding has been set aside to be offered as micro-grants. The funding will be available in three areas:

- Empowering Local Churches
- Leadership and Spiritual Formation
- Reaching our Neighbors

Groups or churches may request \$1 - \$8,000 per application, and request renewal for up to 3 years. Thus, over 3 years, up to \$24,000 can be requested. There is no project too small to be considered. The Conference Leadership Team hopes this will allow flexibility needed to address unique start-up costs as well as to sustain the ministry for a brief period of time.

Preference will be given to programs that demonstrate strategic multi-year planning to serve a group or area as opposed to proposals for one time events. Preference will be given to groups with appropriately broad local church and/or district representation for the applications to "Leadership and Spiritual Formation" and "Reaching our Neighbors" grants.

These funds may not be used for structural maintenance or improvements to buildings, nor may they be used to pay salaries.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Project Name:

Applying to (please check one):

- Empowering Local Churches
- Leadership and Spiritual Formation
- Reaching our Neighbors

Requesting Group or Church:

Primary Contact Person:

Telephone Number:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

Sponsoring Clergyperson:

Other Project Participants:

Total Amount Requested \$ _____

Time Period of Grant: _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE MINISTRY:

1. What theological and/or scriptural rationale guides your group in this ministry?
2. Explain the prayer and spiritual journey that led to the discernment of this ministry as a call on this church or group.
3. Please describe how your ministry aligns with UNYAC mission (Choose the one to which you are applying):
 - **Empowering Local Churches:** Engaging, equipping and empowering local churches to be in ministry with and to our Global Neighborhood;
 - **Leadership and Spiritual Formation:** Encouraging and developing leadership within the laity and clergy that is diverse and united by our love of Christ; or
 - **Reaching our Neighbors:** Building relationships with our neighbors, particularly with those who have been disenfranchised by mainstream society.
4. What are the needs your group seeks to address in this proposed ministry?
5. What input have you had from the community or constituency you hope to serve? How do you know from them that this ministry is needed?
6. How will you measure the effectiveness of the program?

FINANCIAL PLAN:

Explain the budget for the proposed ministry. Include all estimated expenses and other anticipated income. Note the status of funding from each identified source. If the project is to be ongoing, please outline your expected financial needs and your financial plan for three budget years. Be sure to articulate the expected income from the microgrant in each budget year.

Commitments:

We the undersigned, if awarded funding, agree to use it only for the purpose described

in this application. Further, we commit to support and implement the proposed ministry and agree to report on the use of funds and results of the funded activity.

Primary Contact name and signature:

Signature of Sponsoring Clergy person::

Other participating persons (name, signature, church, district)

Please email completed application to BillG-F@unyumc.org in either Microsoft Word or "pdf." File. If sending electronically is not possible, please mail documents to address listed above.