2027 Ministry Innovation Grant Application

Instructions: Please complete all sections of the application. All responses should be clear, concise, and specific. Supporting documents may be attached or uploaded as needed. Proposals that demonstrate innovation, measurable impact, and connection to the church's mission will be prioritized.

Applicant Information

Church or UM Ministry Organization Name

Church or Organization Address and Phone Number

Pastor's Name

Pastor's Email Address

Name of Primary Contact for Grant Project, include Title or Role

Email Address of Primary Contact

Name of UM-Related Ministry Partner Organization (if applicable)

District

Average Worship Attendance

State the percentage of Ministry Shares Contributed in the prior year. If less than 100%, provide a detailed explanation of how this project will help increase the percentage of ministry shares contributed in the present and future years.

List other conference or district financial support for this project or ministry

Provide a brief description of the Church or UM Related Ministry Organization

What is your Mission Statement?

What is your Vision Statement?

Project Overview and Details

Project/Ministry Name

Project Summary (250 words max): Briefly describe the innovative ministry or project, its purpose, and the intended community to be served.

Project Goals (outline format): List 3-5 clear, measurable goals for this ministry

Impact Statement (3-5 sentences): Submit a succinct impact statement that powerfully captures the end goal of the project and the lasting impact it seeks to achieve.

Mission: Explain how this project embodies bold love, joyful service, and courageous leadership.

Vision and Impact (300-500 words):

Provide a written response that addresses the following points.

- What's innovative about this project
- Explain how this ministry will expand the reach of God's love and impact the congregation and/or community's life. What need(s) is it addressing?
- Include quantitative and qualitative measures of success.

Sustainability and Congregational Engagement (300-500 words):

Provide a written response that addresses the following points.

• Describe how the congregation and any ministry partners will contribute to this project/ministry.

• Explain how this project will be sustained beyond the period of grant funding.

• Include plans for ongoing evaluation and adaptation.

Project Timeline and Budget

Start Date of Project

Major Milestones: List 4–6 key milestones with estimated dates of completion

Total Project Cost

Award Amount Requested:

Congregational and Ministry Partner (if any) Financial Contribution:

Expected In-Kind Contributions (include volunteer hours, donated materials, etc.):

List other Funding Sources (grants, partnerships, sponsorships), if any:

Please attach additional budget documentation, such as a line-item budget of income and expense.

Supporting Materials

Please attach a photo of the worshipping congregation (REQUIRED, if applicable)

Please include any of the following as attachments (optional but encouraged):

Church Council, governing board, or equivalent minutes reflecting strong support of the project and this application

Letters of support from the district superintendent, pastor, leadership team, ministry partners, and community stakeholders

Photos, diagrams, or illustrations of proposed ministry/project activities

Any other material that may demonstrate the significance of the ministry/project

Certification and Signatures

We certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. We understand that all decisions of the Ministry Innovation Grant Committee are final. We understand that multiple awards may be granted in the same year. We further understand that funding for subsequent years is subject to review and consideration with all other proposals received. We will be available for additional clarification as requested by the Grant Committee. If selected, we agree to provide regular updates to the Grant Committee, as requested.

E-Signature of Pastor

(print name, title, and date)

E-Signature of Primary Contact

(print name, title, and date)