

**Michigan Conference United Church of Christ
Prophetic Integrity Mission Area Team**

Criteria for Social Justice and Advocacy Grants

Congregations and organizations eligible for grants through the Michigan Conference must share the Prophetic Integrity Mission Area Team's goals for advocacy and programs focusing on peace and justice issues.

Funding will be considered for such efforts as:

- Constituency education programs on a broad spectrum of these issues, including such things as homelessness, poverty, children's issues, economic injustices, racial bias, gender, sexual orientation, health and immigration.
- Public policy advocacy and organizing to mobilize citizens and UCC members to respond to a variety of issues, including study, advocacy, education and promotion.
- Programs, which are ecumenical and interfaith in nature.
- Programs, which are working on root, causes and issues, particularly including; education and advocacy, regarding issues of justice for all people.

Other Criteria

1. All ministries and grants should be consistent with the biblical and theological mandate and vision of the Michigan Conference and the National UCC programs.
2. All grant requests for service ministries should be linked with advocacy, education, and opportunities to make changes in inadequate and unjust systems.
3. Efforts should be made to link one or more other UCC congregations to this ministry or program.
4. When grants are rewarded, the grantees are expected to report back to the Prophetic Integrity Mission Area Team within three (3) months through a written report, and when requested a personal presentation about the program's status, results, successes, and failures.
5. The deadline for receiving grant applications, filled out in their entirety, is July 31st. Allocations will be decided and announced at the Michigan Conference Annual Meeting in October.