

Covenant Association
Michigan Conference United Church of Christ
Justice Ministry & Mission Grant

Purpose of Justice Ministry & Mission funds –
to support justice ministry and mission endeavors of local churches

Criteria & Policy Guidelines

Examples of financial allocations (including but not limited to):

1. Education programs on a broad spectrum of issues, including: poverty, homelessness, housing, children's issues, economic injustices, racial bias, gender identity, sexual orientation, childcare, human rights, health issues, and ecology.
2. Public policy advocacy and organizing, for mobilization of citizens and UCC members in response to a variety of justice issues.
3. Programs or projects that are ecumenical and interfaith in nature.
4. Programs/projects that work on root causes and issues of injustice, especially for education and advocacy of justice for all people.
5. Service programs/projects that support those who are underprivileged, marginalized or oppressed.
6. Service programs/projects that provide education and advocacy for the underprivileged, marginalized or oppressed.

Grant Eligibility

1. Member churches of the Covenant Association
2. Preference given to first-time applicants
3. Grants awarded based on need, merit and funds available at time of application.
4. Requested funds must meet approved allocations for use and:
 - a. Must be consistent with the biblical and theological principles and vision of the Covenant Association, Michigan Conference and United Church of Christ
 - b. Requests should be linked with advocacy, education, and/or opportunities to make changes in inadequate and unjust systems.
 - c. Recipients are expected to provide a written report regarding the impact of funding, by the end of the fiscal year in which the funds are disbursed (Dec. 31).

How to Apply:

1. Complete the Justice Ministry & Mission grant application (pages 3-4 of this document)
2. Deadline for applications: by 15th of the month
3. Return application to:
 - a. Marsha Johnson-Chartrand, Justice Ministries Advocacy Team
 - i. Email: marshajc@gmail.com
 - ii. Questions? Contact Marsha via email or call 734-474-9518
 - b. Copy to Keith Koebel, Treasurer
 - i. Email: lkoebelucc@yahoo.com
 - ii. Mailing address: 7662 El Cajon Ln, Jackson, MI 49201

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Date: _____

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

1. Briefly explain the proposed use of the grant funds

2. What is the anticipated impact of this proposal, for your church and/or community?

3. Financial details (maximum award is \$1,500)

a. Amount requested \$ _____

b. Please provide a detailed budget for the proposed program/project.

c. Please explain any additional financial sources and funding received, pledged, and/or applied for apart from this grant request.

4. Is this the first time you have applied for a Justice Ministry & Mission Grant?
- a. Yes No
 - b. If no, please provide details of your previous proposals and their outcomes.

5. Please add any additional information or comments that would be helpful to the Covenant Association Executive Team.