# **Covenant Association**

#### Michigan Conference United Church of Christ

## N.O.W. (Need, Opportunity & Witness) Grant

Purpose of funds: to support the needs, gospel Witness and ministry opportunities of Covenant churches.

## **Criteria & Policy Guidelines**

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

- 1. Programs or projects that witness to the gospel of Christ.
- 2. Programs or projects that provide needed service(s) or resources for the wider community, especially underprivileged persons (e.g. food pantry, infant car seats for new mothers, community meals, etc.).
- 3. Programs or projects that provide educational opportunities for a faith community or wider community.
- 4. Support for a faith community in times of need, when facing unexpected expenses (e.g. PPE during COVID pandemic; fire, storm or flood damage, etc.)
- 5. Mission programs or projects that support local, regional or global community needs.
- 6. Refugee support in the local community.

#### **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. Grant requests for service ministries should linked with ministry, education, and opportunities to make your ministry stronger and more sustainable.
  - 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 N.O.W. grant application (pages 2 & 3 of this document)
- 2. Deadline for applications: by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month
- 3. Return application to:
  - a. Moderator:
    - i. Dawn Christenson: revdawnchristenson@gmail.com
    - ii. Questions? Email or call Dawn at 517-256-4268
  - b. Copy to Keith Koebel, Treasurer
    - i. Email: <u>lkoebelucc@yahoo.com</u>
    - 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 being requested.

2. What is the anticipated impact of this proposal, for your church and/or wider 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 N.O.W. 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.