



The United Methodist Frontier Foundation is pleased to offer the application for the **2018 Rev. Keith Muhleman Ministry Grants**

Who is the United Methodist Frontier Foundation?

The United Methodist Frontier Foundation is first and foremost United Methodist. The Foundation raises, manages and distributes funds, and provides financially-oriented support and stewardship services for churches in the New York and Upper New York annual conferences as well as for district and conference United Methodist entities. Our core competencies are Fund Management, Stewardship Training, and Planned Giving for Congregations and Individuals. Our investment vehicles follow the United Methodist social principles and provide reasonable returns for reasonable rates.

What does this mean for you?

We assist churches with:

- Financial education & investment management services
- Developing investment policies
- Setting up Endowment Programs
- Stewardship programs that create a culture of generosity
- Feasibility Studies, Capital Campaigns, & Miracle Sundays

The Frontier Foundation's Grants Program will award one or more grants (\$5,000 total per Conference) to local churches within the New York Annual Conference (NYAC) and one or more grants (\$5,000 total per Conference) to local churches within the Upper New York Annual Conference (UNYAC).

Purpose: The purpose of the "UMFF Rev. Keith Muhleman Ministry Grants" is to encourage and support creative and vital ministry in the local church. A grant will be awarded to a local church whose **initiative, creativity, and commitment** to the Gospel is evident in a ministry or program designed to meet an existing or emerging need within the congregation or greater community. The grant may be used either to establish a new ministry or to support an existing ministry, **and may not be used simply as an additional revenue source for the church's Operating Budget.**

Timeline: Grant applications are due in **electronic format** to contactus@umff.org no later than close of business on **Wednesday, March 28th, 2018**. We realize that this deadline is during Holy Week, so we encourage you to complete your application in the weeks before the deadline.

Applications will be evaluated by the Grant Review Committee in order to make recommendations to the Board of Directors at the United Methodist Frontier Foundation's April 20-21, 2018 board meeting. Both the selected and non-selected churches will be notified soon after the April board of directors meeting.

Please visit our website www.umff.org to download the application by clicking on the announcement in red print at the top of our home page or going to our Resources page. For questions, please send inquiries to contactus@umff.org or call our office at 914-615-2238.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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