



## **The General Board of Global Ministries Racial/Ethnic Local Church-RELC Grant**

Send only completed applications to:

The General Board of Global Ministries

RELC Grants

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### **The General Board of Global Ministries**

The General Board of Global Ministries is the global mission agency of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences, and local congregations.

**Purpose:** Connecting the Church in mission

**Vision:** The General Board of Global Ministries equips and transforms people and places for God's mission around the world.

#### **Four Mission Goals:**

1. Make disciples of Jesus Christ;
2. Strengthen, develop, and renew Christian congregations and communities;
3. Alleviate human suffering;
4. Seek justice, freedom, and peace.

**Global Ministries Racial-Ethnic Local Church Grants – RELC  
Criteria and Instructions**

**The General Board of Global Ministries provides grants to foster the development and strengthen the witness and ministry of racial-ethnic local churches in the United States.**

Funds are provided to assist local congregations and annual conference with projects and programs on one of the four focus areas: **1) Leadership Development; 2) Church Growth and Development; 3) Ministry with the Poor, and 4) Health Ministries.**

Applications must be received by Global Ministries' staff by **June 15th, 2019.**

**Criteria**

1. The ministry/project must focus on developing and strengthening the racial-ethnic local church for witness and mission.
2. The grant application requires a signature of the district superintendent and the resident bishop of the area where the ministry/project is located.
3. The ministry/project must involve racial-ethnic church members in the planning, leadership, and decision-making.
4. Priority will be given to new programs. Grants funded in the previous three years will not be given priority for the funding in the current year cycle.
5. The ministry/project must be a program of a local United Methodist Church in the United States.
6. Maximum grant for a project is \$15,000 and applications must reflect other resources from local congregation/district and/or conference. The maximum grant for salary support is a one-year grant, in the amount of \$10,000.
7. Applicants are encouraged to consult with Global Ministries staff for guidance while preparing the application.

**SPECIFIC USE OF GRANT FUNDS: The ministry/project must focus on:**

**Leadership Development**

1. Contextually appropriate training programs and resources for emerging racial- ethnic leaders.
2. Training programs and opportunities that develop children, youth and young adults in racial-ethnic churches.

### **Church Growth and Development**

1. The development of racial-ethnic new church starts and congregations.
2. The revitalization of existing and emerging racial-ethnic congregations.
3. The development, resourcing and multi-cultural congregations and ministries.
4. One-year salary support for racial-ethnic pastors in racial-ethnic local churches and/or racial-ethnic pastoral leadership involved in the development and strengthening of racial-ethnic congregations.
  - a. This salary supplement cannot be used to meet conference minimum salary or to complete equitable compensation.
  - b. Salary supplement funds must include the appropriate fringe benefits.

### **Ministry with the Poor**

1. Provide tools for churches to engage and transform their communities and alleviate human suffering.
2. Funds may be used for programs such as: recovery circles, housing, legal aid, medical care, HIV/AIDS services, after school programs, women's empowerment, and family and children's support.
3. Community development.

### **Health Ministries**

1. Programs to develop skills in self-care; health and well-being; and prevent and manage diseases.
2. Programs that facilitate access to health educational programs existing in the local context.
3. Skills building to equip leaders on health issues.
4. Prevention and intervention on domestic violence.

## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

### **Signatures/Endorsement Page (Use attached signature page)**

**Provide appropriate signatures, including:**

- **Bishop**
- **District Superintendent**
- **Racial-ethnic committee head (if applicable)/Connectional Ministries**
- **Local church pastor**

1. **Specify the racial-ethnic group the project/ministry will benefit:** (African/American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander or multi-ethnic/cultural/racial)

**2. Issues/Need and Assets Statement**

As specifically as possible, describe the issues/needs the grant is intended to address and the existing church/community assets (material, spiritual, intellectual and other skills, talents) available to be tapped for this project. What are the issues or needs of the church or community requesting this grant? Who is most affected by this issue/need? What efforts have you already made to meet the issue/needs?

**3. Description of the Ministry/Project**

Describe clearly and briefly the ministry or project for which the grant is being requested, including: is this a new ministry/project or is it an expansion or redirection of an existing ministry/project? Who are the beneficiaries? How does the ministry/project relate to the issues/needs you seek to address? What is your project seeking to accomplish? What are the goals, objectives and desired outcomes to the project and how will the project be designed to meet those? What is the timeline for implementing the ministry/project?

**4. Impact**

Please describe the impact that the project is expected to have on the project beneficiaries, the congregation and/or the surrounding community?

**5. Evaluation**

How will you measure the effectiveness of the ministry/project? Who will do the evaluation?

**6. Available Resources**

Provide description of other available resources that will be used to support this ministry/project. (resources can include facilities, staff, volunteers, and partnership with other faith and community-based organization).

**7. Budget**

Use the budget page attached to the grant application. Include a complete budget for the ministry/project, including all projected income and expenses (Please ensure that the budget is balanced).



**Global Ministries Racial/Ethnic Local Church Grants - RELC  
Application Form**

**INFORMATION/SIGNATURE PAGE**

a. Name of Ministry Project: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name of UM Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Annual Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested: \$

g. Focus Area (Check all that Apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Development

\_\_\_\_\_ Congregational Development

\_\_\_\_\_ Ministry with the Poor

\_\_\_\_\_ Health Ministries

<b>Print: Name of Local Pastor/ leader of the project:</b>	<b>Print: Name of the racial ethnic committee head (if applicable)/Connectional Ministries</b>
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:
<b>Print: Name of the Bishop:</b>	<b>Print: Name of District Superintendent:</b>
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>
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**1. Specify the Racial/Ethnic group for the request:**

\_\_\_\_\_ African American

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian American

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic/Latino

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American

\_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Islander

\_\_\_\_\_ Multi-ethnic/cultural/racial

Please answer question 2-7 in 250 words or less.

**2. What are the issues that will be addressed? Who is most affected?**

**3. Describe the ministry project. What are the goals, objectives and desired outcomes?**

**4. Who are the direct beneficiaries of the project? How will this impact them?**

**5. What steps will be taken to ensure that the project continues, and how will it be evaluated?**

**6. Available Resources**



**7. Budget**

A. Provide the **INCOME FROM ALL** sources for your ministry project

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Global Ministries RELC Grant	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

B. Please indicate **EXPENSES FOR EACH** component of your ministry/project

<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$



**Email the application to Global Ministries to:**

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