

**MIV DISTRICT MISSION AND MINISTRY
RESOURCE APPLICATION AND PROCESS 2012 CYCLE**

2012

Dear Friends:

You are invited to be part of the District of Innovation's journey to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are eager to hear how God is calling you to make new disciples and help persons grow in their faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. The following process is designed to empower you to evaluate what you currently are doing and give focus to what God is doing new in the church and in your community. We give thanks for the many things you do that make a difference in the lives of people. We are especially interested in hearing about the new things God is calling you to do that will make a significant difference.

The Resources Team is made up of persons who have a deep faith in Jesus Christ, love the church and have expertise in areas which may help you as you develop effective ministries. Among the skills they are willing to share are : finance, organizational structure and administration, evaluation for desired outcomes, and application of demographics including use of the MissionInsite tool as they pertain to the system of disciple making. This will help linking mission and resources including money in new and creative ways.

Funding will be awarded for one calendar year and incorporate continuous quality assessment so as to maximize our human and financial resources. To accomplish this we will be requiring you to submit progress reports three times per year. Funding comes from local church apportionments and we expect that you show progress in meeting that covenant responsibility. Our ability to award funds depends on the receipt of those funds from the local church. The actual allocation will depend on availability of funds.

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PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR RESOURCES FROM MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT

There are lots of big ideas but the challenge is to implement them and sustain the ministry over time. Every church has to make decisions of how they allocate their resources. As you consider how the District can strengthen the church, look at what you already are doing and what you want to retain, strengthen or discontinue consistent with your mission.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PREREQUISITES:

1. The ministry must enhance what the District is doing in a major way and be in alignment with the purpose, vision and journey of the District.
2. The ministry must be theologically sound and in accord with United Methodist understanding.
3. There must be a LEADER. Someone must be identified to lead and make sure the plan is carried out and the ministry launched and functioning.
4. The ministry must have at least three other persons on the operational team, responsible with the leader for the accomplishment of stated goals.

STEPS IN THE PROCESS

Develop your ministry idea by way of the STRATEGIC PLANNING QUESTIONS on the back of this page. Be as detailed as possible. The two primary “legs” of effective ministry are leadership and financial planning.

Submit your idea and plan to the appropriate ministry group in your organization to see how what you are proposing fits in to the overall organization. Determine what will be contributed from your organization. If you need further resources, it is time to send it on to the District.

Be in prayer; do not rush the process. If it is from God, it will stand the test of time.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR A BOLD MINISTRY IDEA

Due in the District Office at any time with awards made periodically depending on availability of funds

MISSION OF THE MIV DISTRICT: To serve and support the local church in achieving their mission and vision.

Person Completing Grant _____

Contact email/phone _____

Leader Responsible for Implementation _____

ORGANIZATION/CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT INFORMATION _____

1. What is the purpose of the proposed ministry? How is it aligned with the mission of the District and the UMC: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?
2. Who will be served by this ministry (be clear re: demographics)? Who will serve?
3. What specific needs will be met? Be clear about your GOALS. Why is it important for your organization and the District to meet those needs?
4. What will you DO to provide for those needs?
5. How will the services be provided? What is your operational plan and how does it fit in to your overall strategy?
6. How is this ministry organized? What are the roles and responsibilities of those involved?
7. What are the SPECIFIC resources needed to make the ministry work? Consider finances, staffing, space, partnerships, collaborations, etc. Submit a budget including your expense to income ratio. If requesting money, how will this be spent?
8. What is different about this ministry from what you are already doing?
9. How will you know if you have accomplished what you set out to do (goals)? Be specific about metrics such as number of participants but go beyond that to examine what difference it is to make. Activity is different than IMPACT. What is the measurable impact.
10. How do you plan to sustain this ministry (if needed) beyond funding you may receive?
11. Has the church paid its apportionments in the last year? What is the amount and nature of any debt? What specific resources would you like from the District and or what specific purpose?