



**Central
District
Conference**

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***Knowing
Christ's love...
Answering
God's call***

**Reign of God Grants
Guidelines and Application Form**

Where is the Spirit bubbling up in your midst? The Missional Church Committee of Central District Conference wants to encourage and resource its congregations to follow God's Spirit and be missional people in God's world.

Since a key purpose of conference is to facilitate our work together in mission, the Missional Church Committee is excited to announce new Reign of God Grants designed to encourage missional activity among congregations. This Missional Church Committee program will match (1-1) money raised at the grassroots level to give the extra financial boost necessary for a new, cooperative missional initiative between two or more congregations. A missional initiative is any activity capturing and honoring God's continuing creative energy in establishing God's reign in the world.

Grant proposals may be submitted at any time during the fiscal year. Proposals should be no more than three pages in length and may be submitted online, by fax, or by postal mail. Individual grants will range from \$500 to \$2,500 will be given. Our goal is to distribute \$5,000 annually.

Grants must be used for:

- Missional initiatives based in the Central District region of the United States by Central District Conference congregations,
- Missional initiatives related to worship, nurture, evangelism, education, peace and justice, and creation care,
- New initiatives, or significantly new additions to current programs. Operating funds for existing programs will not qualify.

Please contact the conference office for guidance by email at office@mcusacdc.org or call 800.662.2264.

Application materials follow. Decisions for funding will be made by the Missional Church Committee at the regularly scheduled committee meeting following submission of the application and funds will be distributed after receiving information that the matching funds have been raised.

Proposal applications should be sent:

Emailed to: office@mcusacdc.org

Mailed to: Central District Conference, 1015 Division St, Goshen, IN 46528

Faxed to: 574.534.8654

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Central District Conference
Reign of God Grant
Application

Electronic submittal preferred: www.centraldistrict.mennonite.net, tab Resources, tab Reign of God Grant. If submitting via postal mail, please use black ink.

Date:

Congregations sponsoring initiative:

Initiative Contact Person (1):

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Initiative Contact Person (2):

Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Please answer the questions below:

- Initiative Name:
- Brief description of the missional initiative, including a description of the need to be addressed.

- What is the overall vision both for the present and for the future?

- How will this initiative reflect the missional witness of your congregations and of Central District?

- Describe how funding will make a difference.

- What is the total budget of the initiative? Please list all financial resources, including individual contributions, congregational contributions, and matching Reign of God Grant funding. Please also list estimated total expenses by key expense categories.