

Central District Conference (CDC)

Anti-Racism Grant

OVERVIEW

The CDC Missional Church Committee administers grants (funded by the Missional Activities Fund) to CDC member congregations whose congregants are committed to engaging in anti-racist work together. All CDC member congregations are eligible to apply for a grant.

This grant is a response to the Racial, Ethnic, and Religious Reconciliation (RER) Task Group's "[Three Provocations](#)" document, which urged CDC leadership to commit time, attention, and funding to the work of racial, ethnic, and religious reconciliation within the conference.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. CDC member congregations are eligible for a grant of up to \$500/year. Primary consideration will be given to applicants who have not received a CDC Anti-Racism Grant in the previous three years.
2. Completed CDC Anti-Racism Grant applications should be submitted to CDC Administrator Emma Hartman via email at office@mcusacdc.org. The application may be filled out and submitted online at <https://mcusacdc.org/resources/anti-racism-grant/>
3. Once we have received your application, members of the Missional Church Committee will meet with you to talk about your application and may assist you in refining your application. Applications will be reviewed by the CDC Missional Church Committee, who are particularly interested in funding opportunities for congregations to learn about and strengthen their commitment to anti-racist work. The Missional Church Committee will serve as a resource for you as you plan and implement your event/initiative.
4. Please submit the [Grant Recipient Event/Initiative Reflection](#) within a month of completion of the project or final stage of a training series/consultation. Reflections should be submitted to CDC Administrator Emma Hartman via email at office@mcusacdc.org. After receiving your reflection, your Missional Church Committee Liaison Team will have a reflection conversation with you.

ANTI-RACISM GRANT POSSIBILITIES

*CDC Anti-Racism Grants are **not** restricted to funding Mennonite or Christian-specific anti-racist training, but successful grant applications will demonstrate concrete intention towards sustained engagement beyond the event/training/program that receives funding.*

- Conferences, workshops, webinars, and seminars on anti-racism.
- Anti-racism training, including [Widerstand's Dismantling Institutional Racism in Your Congregation](#).
- Programs designed for developing intercultural competency, such as the [Intercultural Development Inventory](#) (IDI).
- Coaching, assessment and consulting services towards changes in practices.

Anti-Racism Grant Application

*Central District Conference recognizes that writing is one of many great ways to communicate. We welcome audio, video, artistic, presentation-based and other ways of communicating your vision **instead of or in addition** to a written grant application. We also recognize that English may not be the language that best reflects your community and we're happy to receive your application in other languages. We ask that you seek to cover the following information in whatever format your application takes. We look forward to having a follow-up conversation with you after receiving your grant application.*

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CDC member congregations applying for the CDC Anti-Racism Grant are expected to read and understand the grant policy. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. The CDC Missional Church Committee may request edits, modifications, or additional information after receiving an application and prior to reaching a funding decision.

CONGREGATION INFORMATION

NAME OF CDC CONGREGATION _____
 ADDRESS OF CDC CONGREGATION _____
 PRIMARY CONTACT NAME _____
 PRIMARY CONTACT PHONE _____
 PRIMARY CONTACT EMAIL _____
 DATE SUBMITTED _____

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Briefly describe the event/training/program/consultation for which you are requesting this grant, including a summary of topic(s) that will be addressed and actions that will be taken. Describe the process by which you selected this event/training/program, including what questions you bring to it, what outcomes you hope for, and how you plan on sustaining the work beyond the event/training/program. How will you get the word out? Who do you hope

will participate? How will you measure engagement?

DATE OF EVENT/TRAINING/PROGRAM _____

LOCATION OF EVENT/TRAINING/PROGRAM _____

TOTAL COST OF EVENT/TRAINING/PROGRAM _____

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED _____

SOURCE(S) OF FUNDS TO COVER TOTAL COSTS (IF USING MULTIPLE SOURCES OF FUNDING):

Church Budget _____

Organization _____

Individual _____

Additional Grant _____

Other _____

DATE that Funding Resources are required: ____/____/____

LIST ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSES BY KEY EXPENSE CATEGORIES.

PRIMARY CONTACT SIGNATURE _____

Office Use Only: Date received _____

Decision _____

Report Received on _____ Attached? _____