

Central District Conference (CDC)

Reign of God Grant

Where is the Spirit bubbling up in your midst? The Missional Church Committee of Central District Conference (CDC) 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 CDC 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.

Individual grants will range from \$500 to \$2,500 will be given. Our goal is to distribute \$5,000 annually.

Grant proposals may be submitted at any time. Written proposals should be no more than three pages in length and may be submitted:

- online at <https://mcusacdc.org/resources/missional-resources/reign-of-god-grant/>
- by email at office@mcusacdc.org
- by postal mail to Central District Conference, PO Box 1199, Goshen, IN 46527-1199.
Please use black ink.

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. The Missional Church Committee will serve as a resource for you as you plan and implement your event/initiative.

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, inclusion, 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 (574) 534 1485.

Application materials follow.

Funds will be distributed to grant recipients after receiving information that the matching funds have been raised.

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.

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*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.*

Date:

Congregations sponsoring initiative:

Initiative Contact Person (1):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Initiative Contact Person (2):

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

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 Conference?

How will you get the word out?

Who do you hope will participate?

How will you measure engagement?

Do you hope to repeat this initiative? What are ways that will help make it sustainable?

Describe how funding will make a difference.

Total Cost of Event/Training/Program.

Grant Amount Requested.

Sources of Funds to Cover Total Costs (If Using Multiple Sources of Funding):

Church Budget for each participating congregation

_____ Congregation: _____

_____ Congregation: _____

_____ Congregation: _____

Organization _____

Individual _____

Additional Grant _____

Other _____

List Estimated Total Expenses by Key Expense Categories.

The date that grant resources are required? ____/____/____

Office Use Only: Date received _____

Decision _____

Report Received on _____ Attached? _____