



Centenary United Methodist Church Missions Grant Program

The Centenary United Methodist Church Missions Grant Program awards grants to nonprofit organizations and ministries that care for and protect the vulnerable in the Winston-Salem Metro area and partner agencies serving beyond the borders of the United States. We seek to provide pathways and opportunities for disadvantaged persons to become contributing members to society. We are particularly interested in partnering with organizations that meet basic human needs with effective programs. We value groups that tackle structural social inequities and are attentive to groups who engage in long-cycle solutions.

The 2022 Grant Application process reflects our intention to define the goals of our Missions efforts and to point our resources to vulnerable people and communities. We also strive to respect our community partners in how we ask them to use their limited time and resources while making this application.

Funding Guidelines for 2022 Grants

Each year Centenary's Missions Team undergoes a process of discernment, as we reflect upon the needs we recognize in our community, state, nation and around the world. We identify the areas which seem the most urgent and place a priority on addressing those. The areas of focus for 2022 are hunger, housing, and health. Programs must align with one or more of these priorities to be considered eligible for grant awards. Priority is given to programs and agencies that have a long-term relationship with Centenary United Methodist Church, are faith-based, and are part of the United Methodist connection.

Project grants submitted should also meet the following criteria:

- Be associated with an organization with 501(c)(3) status
- Not duplicate services already provided in the same area
- Have an active board of directors
- Demonstrate potentially significant impact/outcomes
- Have a system in place for defining and measuring program outcomes for participants
- Have a distinct program budget, showing income and expenses that are specific to the program

striving to be a vibrant Christian community, loving God and loving neighbor downtown and throughout the region.

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- Must affirm that the agency does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, ethnicity, disability, race, color, ancestry, political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, mental health disability or national origin

The deadline for Centenary United Methodist Church Missions grant requests is March 14, 2022. Grant awards will be distributed on a schedule determined by Centenary's Missions Team throughout 2022.

Preference will be given to projects where Centenary United Methodist Church's contribution represents a response to a unique need (rather than providing ongoing core support to the organization). Members of the Centenary United Methodist Church Missions Team will review eligible applications. Notification of funding recommendations will be made by mail to the address provided in the organization's application.

How to Apply:

- Application deadline is March 14, 2022
- No hand-written proposals
- Submit one (1) copy of each listed document
- Brief Cover Letter
- Completed application form
- Project budget
- Organization's budget for last year and this year, indicating percentage of income that is spent on programming, administration and fund-raising (annual report for 2020 and 2021 acceptable)
- 501(c)(3) IRS designation letter or statement of a fiduciary relationship from your fiscal agent
- Current not-for-profit or agency board roster
- **Detailed list of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages** (preferably, opportunities throughout the year and how both our older adults and families with young children can be involved in the mission and work of your organization)
- **Please include the process of how you receive feedback from people you serve.** If you do not have an opportunity for the people you serve to give feedback, please explain why.
- Submit the completed application by email to: mgaston@centenary-ws.org or by mail to c/o Centenary United Methodist Church, 646 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

We welcome feedback about our application process. Please contact us with comments or questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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