



2016 Congregation Micro-Grants for Faith Formation of Children, Youth & Families MINNESOTA CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Minnesota Conference UCC Board of Directors has approved use of up to \$10,000 for congregation micro-grants of \$200-\$700 from the Ashley Endowment. Grants must support the congregation's ministry and work with children, youth and/or families.

GUIDELINES:

1. Congregations are limited to one grant and may not be used in conjunction with other MN Conference UCC grants.
2. The grants are for the conference fiscal year (October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016).
3. The micro-grant range is limited to \$200-\$700.
4. Grants will only be given to Minnesota Conference UCC congregations.
5. Priority is given to faith formation events and programs centered around;
 - a. Faith Forming Five Initiatives; expanding children & youth presence in worship, @ home faith resourcing, tools for theological reflection for service or mission, intergenerational ministry events and lay/clergy leadership development.
 - b. Multiple congregation involvement (one grant per event, not congregation)
 - c. Children, youth and/or family specific program
6. Application deadline is rolling (grants available until the micro-grant funds are depleted).
7. Notification of grant and amount will be done within two weeks of receiving the application. Grant checks will be sent after a request and confirmation of the program within one month of the program or event.
8. Creativity is encouraged!

Congregation(s) _____

Primary Contact Person _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please provide details about the event (budget, date, audience) with the intended impact and how it relates to ministry with children, youth and/or families. Feel free to use back of sheet.

Requested micro-grant amount: _____

In accepting a grant, would you agree to the following?

- ❖ Publicize in your church newsletter and/or bulletin that you received the grant? YES / NO
- ❖ Provide a short summary & pictures of your events for use with the MN Conference UCC within one month of your event? YES / NO

(Signature of Senior/Lead Minister)

(Date)

Please return the grant application to: zacn@uccmn.org or mail to:

MN Conference UCC, Attn: Zac Norenberg, 122 W Franklin Ave, Ste. 323, Minneapolis, MN 55404

If you have questions, please email zacn@uccmn.org or call (612) 871-0359.