

Application for the Minneapolis Fund Grant

The purpose of this grant is to assist and increase the number of UCC churches that may be sites for the required fieldwork of a ministry student or Member in Discernment (MID). Any United Church of Christ church that is located within the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ is eligible for this grant.

Each church that wishes to be considered for a grant must submit a proposal by September 8th to the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Minnesota Conference. This date was chosen so that you might be notified before church budgets are proposed for the next year and before the applications are due to the seminary.

Proposals need to include the following:

1. A general description of opportunities for learning for a student or MID intern.
2. The financial contribution that the church will make toward the cost of an intern. It is expected that the church will help defray some of the cost.
3. An agreement by the church and pastor to provide supervision for the intern.
4. An agreement by the church and pastor to cooperate with the seminary or the COM in the internship.
5. A statement of willingness to work with the seminary or the COM to obtain a good match between church and intern.
6. A willingness to accept the intern designated by the seminary or the COM.
7. The intern must be a Member in Discernment with Minnesota Conference acting as an Association or actively working toward being a Member in Discernment.

Proposals by churches must be submitted by September 8th to receive a grant for the following September. If the church does not get an intern, the grant will be returned to the Fund and the church may apply again next year.

A church must be approved by the seminary or the Committee on Ministry as an appropriate setting for the internship.

The Committee on Ministry will make a final decision and notify the churches by November 1.

Approved by Minnesota Conference Board of Directors, November 1, 2014