



THE ROYCE AND JANE REYNOLDS MINISTRY FUND GRANTS
of the
United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2018

Applications for grants from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund should be for ministries fulfilling the stated purposes of the Fund:

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world. Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19-20 provide the church with our mission, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." As United Methodists, our stated mission, as outlined in The Book of Discipline, is to follow this great commission and "... to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

As the Royce and Jane Reynolds Fund Committee, we support programs and ministries that support the mission of the United Methodist Church to "... make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Disciples are called and made when we:

- Proclaim the gospel, seek and welcome and gather persons into the community of the Body of Christ;
- Lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
- Nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, Christian Education/study and other means of grace;
- Send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.

Initiatives that seek support from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Fund, may originate from an Annual Conference (through the Bishop, the Cabinet, the Conference Ministries Advisory Council or a Commission or Committee thereof, or from any other recognized Conference agency), or from a Local Church, A District, A United Methodist pastor, or an agency of the General Church.

Preference will be given to ministries focusing on attracting millennials. One-time applications, or requests for start up grants for a special ministry not regularly a part of an annual operating budget, are also given preference.

Anyone with a ministry meeting the above criteria may request an application by contacting Caroline Cox. The United Methodist Foundation, 13816 Professional Center Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078 | phone number 1-888-450-1956, or download application from UMF website, www.umfwnc.org. Completed applications should be returned to the same address.

***NOTE:** Upon approval and receipt of grant monies, you should understand and expect periodic site visits by the Associate Director of Reynolds Ministries, Caroline Cox. The purpose of site visits is to report to the Fund Committee the progress being made with regards to the specific grant. Applications for grants for the 2018 calendar year must be received by the Foundation no later than February 2, 2018.

All applications, considered by the Grants Committee to meet the above guidelines, will be considered. Grants will be awarded based on the merit of the request, and the amount of funds available.