

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



GRANT GUIDELINES & APPLICATION
2005–2008

God's Gift of Long Life



About the Grants

Grants provided by the United Methodist Committee on Older Adult Ministries are part of the Comprehensive Plan for Older Adult Ministries adopted by General Conference 2004. The United Methodist Committee on Older Adult Ministries will provide grants in 2006 and again in 2007.

Submission Procedure

All grant applications must be submitted to the Center on Aging & Older Adult Ministries, PO Box 340003, Nashville, TN 37203-0003. Grant applications that meet the criteria (see page 2) will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Older Adult Ministries for grant review. All applications must include the required signatures, and a copy of the grant application should be sent to your Annual Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries, if one exists, in your Annual Conference.

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Contact:

Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries
Dr. Richard H. Gentzler, Jr. Director
General Board of Discipleship – UMC
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Toll-free 877-899-2780, extension 7177
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Criteria for Grant Selection

- 1** The ministry (program/project) must contribute directly to the mission and ministries of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
The program/project must be consistent with the doctrine and social principles of the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*.
- 2** The ministry must focus on developing intentional, innovative, and creative ministries with older adults in diverse settings.
- 3** Applications shall be submitted by local United Methodist congregations, districts, annual conferences, central conferences, and United Methodist chaplains and institutions for developing and implementing older adult ministries.

The ministry must:
 - address root causes of critical issues related to older adults;
 - include a process for local churches (or districts or annual conferences) to listen, discern, and respond to the issues and concerns of older adults;
 - enhance the spiritual faith development of older adults;
 - engage older adults in decision-making, development, and implementation of the program/project;
 - be culturally sensitive and inclusive in all aspects of the program/project;
 - demonstrate a commitment from other funding partners for ongoing support.
- 5** All applications will be reviewed and grants awarded by the United Methodist Committee on Older Adult Ministries.
- 6** Priority will be given to new ministries or pilot projects.
- 7** Grants will be awarded on a one-year basis, and only one grant for the 2005-2008 quadrennium will be awarded per recipient.
- 8** Maximum amount per grant is up to \$2,500.
- 9** Complete the Grant Application found on pages 3-5 of this document.
- 10** Due date for submitting an Older Adult Ministry Grant Application is on or before **January 15, 2006 or January 15, 2007**. You must send the original application and **3 copies**.

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION

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The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon....They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green. (Psalm 92:12, 14)

(Please type or print clearly)

1. Name of Project: (limit to 35 characters)

2. Program/Project Director:

Name

Address

City/State/Country

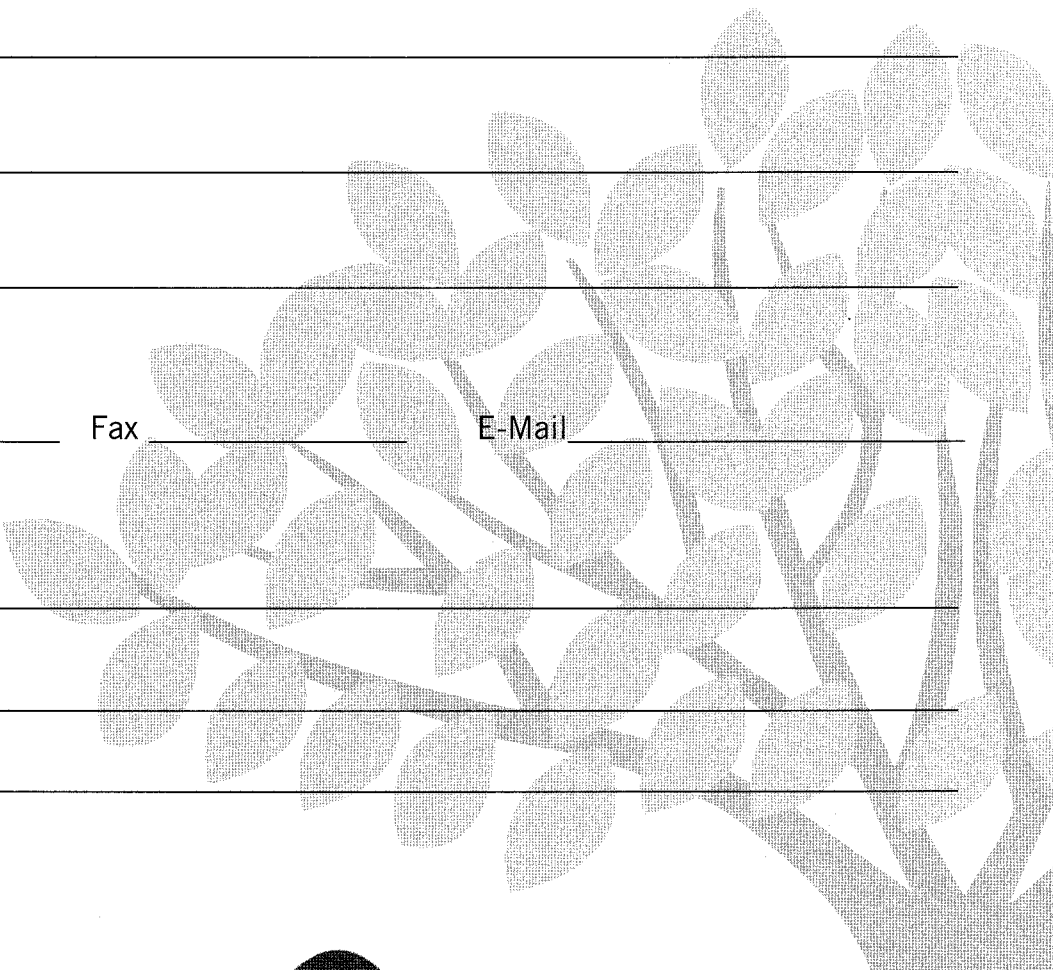
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Church/Institution:

Name

Address

Annual Conference



Complete, detach, and submit the following pages (pages 3-5).

NAME & ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON (IF DIFFERENT FROM PROGRAM/PROJECT DIRECTOR):

Name

Address

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

4. JUSTIFICATION:

A. Issues/Needs Statement:

Describe the issues/needs you want to address.
What is the socio-economic status of your setting?

B. Objectives:

What specific outcomes do you expect?
How do you see the Holy Spirit involved in this project?

C. Description of the Ministry:

Who will benefit, by age & racial ethnicity?
What will you do?
When will this happen?
Where will it be done?
Is this a new or pilot project?

D. Plan:

Describe the steps to be taken to achieve the desired objectives:
Who is providing leadership for this ministry?
Are a majority of the decision makers for this ministry older adults?
Project time-line

E. Budget:

Provide a detailed budget.
Grant money may not be used for salary or equipment or construction. Provide a detailed budget for the program that includes all sources of funding to include in-kind contributions.

5. LEADERSHIP TEAM:

List each person on your leadership team, noting whether they are 65 years of age and older. Tell why each person is involved.

6. ENDORSEMENTS:

Endorsement signatures are required before the application can be sent to the Committee on Older Adult Ministries for grant review.

FOR LOCAL CHURCHES:

Pastor's signature & Date

District Superintendent's signature & Date

Director of Connectional Ministries' signature & Date

Copy sent to Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries (if applicable)

For All Other Groups:

Applications from the following should have these signatures and the date:

A. Districts:

District Superintendent

Director of Connectional Ministries

Copy to Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries (if applicable)

B. Annual Conferences:

Director of Connectional Ministries

Bishop of the Annual Conference

Copy to Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries (if applicable)

C. UM Chaplains and United Methodist-related Institutions:

Executive Director or Administrator of the Institution

Local Annual Conference Director of Connectional Ministries

Copy to UMEA (United Methodist Endorsement Agency)

D. Central Conference Procedures:

All applications must have the name and signature of the Pastor and the District Superintendent in the area where the program will be conducted.

DEADLINE

Due date for Application and three (3) copies must be submitted with all necessary signatures on or before
January 15, 2006/2007.

**Contact person:
Mail completed Application Form,
pages 3-5 of this document
(including sections A-E), to:**

Teri Kline, Assistant to the Director
Center on Aging & Older Adult Ministries
General Board of Discipleship – UMC
P. O. Box 340003
Nashville, TN 37203-0003

OR

E-mail completed application with
required signatures sent under separate copy
by mail to the address above. Please indicate
name of program/project when sending
signatures by mail.

E-mail:
tkline@gbod.org



IF THE MINISTRY IS FUNDED

If the ministry is funded, you will:

- 1** Be notified by mail no later than June 30 of the year your application is approved.
- 2** Receive a check for the full amount of the grant by September 1 of the year your application is approved.
- 3** Be asked to evaluate the program/project within eighteen (18) months of the grant award. An evaluation form will be sent to you.
- 4** Submit findings for pilot ministries that could be shared with the church for the benefit of older adult ministries in local churches, districts, or annual conferences to the Center on Aging & Older Adult Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship.



IF THE MINISTRY IS NOT FUNDED

If the ministry is NOT funded, you will be notified by mail no later than June 30 of the year your application is reviewed.

Questions?

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