

**Grant Funds are only available to ministries within the boundaries of the **Susquehanna Conference, A Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church****

## APPLICATION FOR PRISON MINISTRY ADVANCE FUNDS

Name of Organization, church or person responsible for project: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS GROUP INCORPORATED? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received funds last year from us? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

In prior years? \_\_\_\_\_ What years? \_\_\_\_\_ How much? \_\_\_\_\_

On this or a separate sheet, answer the following questions.

1. Describe your project. What is the purpose or mission? Does it fill a gap in services?
2. What is your budget? Is this grant needed to fulfill this budget?
3. What other ways do you plan to raise funding for this project?
4. To whom are you accountable? (If a board, submit list of board members/officers)
5. How does your project relate to the Gospel Commission (Matthew 28:18-20/Luke 4: 18-19)?
6. How does your project help local church(es) make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world?

Name of person submitting application \_\_\_\_\_

Susquehanna Conference  
The United Methodist Church  
Mission and Outreach Team

**Guidelines: Advance Special Monies for Prison Ministries**

Two copies of the grant request must be mailed to the chair of the Prison Ministries committee (see below). Grants are reviewed by the Mission and Outreach Team at their regular meetings.

The Mission and Outreach Team is looking for projects that are in harmony with the Gospel message. The committee has established the following PRIORITIES:

1. Ministries dealing with children or youth
2. Substance abuse ministries
3. Advocacy for prisoners, and those under auspices of the criminal justice system, including probationers and parolees
4. Projects that have a spiritual component or emphasis
5. Those that fill gaps in services rather than duplicate or compete
6. “grass roots” and/or emerging ministries that have plans or prospects of receiving some ongoing local funding and/or volunteer support

Grants are given in two categories:

- A. On-going projects/programs that need continued support
- B. Newly emerging ministries

Presently our committee receives less than \$5,000 per year in the Prison Ministry Advance. This is usually divided among several projects. In general, there will be decreasing amounts given for several years to a newly started project – if the ministry requests additional funding in the immediate years after its first request.

ON-GOING Prison Programs may apply for funds, but must not assume that the Prison Advance will always grant their request.

Grants from Prison Ministry Advance Funds **MUST BE** used for designated projects.

**ALL** persons/groups receiving funding **MUST SEND A REPORT** to the Mission and Outreach Team about the project in order to receive future funding. The Mission and Outreach Team may send a representative to visit any project it has funded.

Submit this application to:  
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