

## Heartland District - Emerging Ministries Grant Application

The Heartland District Leadership Team will review grants for Emerging Ministries on a quarterly basis and we invite the churches of our District to apply if you have a new or potential ministry that needs funding. In the past the Emerging Ministries have assisted churches to set up children's programs, purchase multimedia equipment, and open food pantries. The Leadership Team reviews grants and will receive applications e-mailed or sent to the District office. Many new ministries have "emerged" with the help of the grants and blessed people throughout the Heartland District. The Leadership Team praises the ministries that have helped build the kingdom of God, and encourage you to apply.

### **Heartland District Emerging Ministries Policy:**

The purpose of the Heartland District Emerging Ministries Grants is to encourage and enable local churches in the Heartland District to develop new ministries of discipleship and evangelism as they seek to be faithful to God's calling. The fund is supported by the Heartland District apportionment and is administered by the Heartland District Leadership Team.

The Leadership Team's goal is for the grants to be used as seed money to encourage the development of innovative ministries in local churches that make a difference throughout the Heartland District. Ministries funded by the Emerging Ministries Grants must be new ministries which will be ongoing and benefit a group of people.

**If your Emerging Ministries request is granted, it will may be paid out to you in quarterly installments based on your prior quarter's Ministry Shares giving. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter following approval, you will receive 25% of the total grant. Continued funding will be reviewed and tied to prior quarter's Ministry Shares giving.**

Churches are limited to one submission annually. The requests must be approved at the local level by the appropriate Council or Board (i.e. Administrative or Church Council, The Board of Trustees). The District Leadership Team will review the requests at their next scheduled meeting. A representative of the District Leadership Team will contact applicants in regards to the status of their request.

The District Leadership Team encourages updates from churches who have received grants, celebrating the blessing of God's work through the ministries funded by the grants. Please share your stories with us!

**REQUEST FORM**  
**Emerging Ministry Fund**  
**Heartland District, West Michigan Conference**

Date of Request:

Name of Requesting Church:

Contact Person/Requestor:

Address:

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Day Time and/or Cell Phone:

Email Address:

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Describe the purpose of this request: *(you may also attach other documents as needed)*

Total Emerging Ministry Grant Request \$\_\_\_\_\_

Other Sources (with amounts) of Funding for Project:

Total Cost of Project: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Has this project been discussed and approved by the appropriate committee within your church (or District agency)?    Yes            No    *(circle one)*

What percentage of your Ministry Shares did you pay in each of the last 3 years?

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Year                    %            Year                    %            Year                    %

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(Signature of Requestor)

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(Signature of Pastor)

Send all requests to:  
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