DEWEES ENDOWMENT GRANT

Purpose of Dewees Endowment

In accordance with the provision in the will, the funds are given to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church "to use in the mission of the Church." Grants will typically not exceed $5,000 and generally be for the initial funding of a project. Grants will usually be awarded in the Spring (April) and in the Fall (October).

Acceptable Uses

The Board of Trustees will approve the annual distribution amount of funds. The District Superintendents will review and make a preliminary recommendation of awards for their district. The Conference Treasurer will review the preliminary awards to validate that they are within the grant policy and make final approval of the grants.

The Dewees Will specifically states that grant funds cannot be used to pay for any existing building expenses, maintenance, or repairs, including those caused by natural calamities, etc. The primary purpose of the Grant shall not be for salaries.

Examples of acceptable use of funds:

- Scholarships for camping programs/retreats
- Approved new ministry initiatives
- New church starts
- Making disciples initiatives
- Scholarships for Healing the Wounds of Racism Training
- Ethnic ministry initiatives
- Episcopal initiatives
- Programs related to Carson Simpson Farms
- Mission projects

Process for Distribution of Funds

1. The Conference Board of Trustees will establish the amount available for award during each calendar year and that amount will be divided equally among the districts and the Office of Connectional Ministries.
2. Churches shall submit written grant applications to their District Superintendent.
3. Committees, boards and agencies shall submit written grant applications to the Director of Connectional Ministries.
4. The deadlines for grant applications shall be March 1 for Spring grants and September 1 for Fall grants.
5. District Superintendents and the Director of Connectional Ministries will review

the application to make sure that they comply with the guidelines, and then give preliminary approval for the grants based on their appropriateness, feasibility, and worthiness.

6. Approved grant requests will be forwarded to the Conference Treasurer. Checks will be sent to District Offices for presentation to churches or to the Director of Connectional Ministries for distribution to the committee, board or agency.
7. Follow-up on the effectiveness of approved programs and grants will be administered by each district superintendent office and shall include:
    i. Quarterly progress reports until all the funds have been utilized.
    ii. A follow-up report on the impact, results, and future of the program three (3) months after the funds have been utilized.
8. Application and grant files will be maintained at each district office and in the Connectional Ministries office for all grants awarded.

Types of Grant Support

The Endowment supports projects with outright funds or on a cost-sharing basis. Outright funds are awarded by the Endowment and are not contingent on additional fund-raising. Cost-sharing funds require a grantee to secure remaining funds from other sources before endowment funds are awarded. Cost-sharing awards enable the Endowment to provide support to a greater number of projects. The Endowment may only be able to offer funding at a level less than that which is requested. The application should indicate if the project‘s success is contingent upon a full award.

Application: The Dewees Grant Application must be limited to the attached form for consideration.

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