

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church

Dear pastors, project coordinators, and mission leaders:

On behalf of the Conference Global Ministries Team, I thank you for the ministries you are involved in. We trust that you had a great year of serving the Lord and his people.

Now is the time to submit applications for approval as an Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Advance Special for the coming year. Applications are needed now so that the advance special resolution can be prepared for 2024 Annual Conference. Please fill out the enclosed application form and return it electronically to me at bedrake15@aol.com.

This year the deadline is January 4, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration and help.

Peace,
Deaconess Barbara Drake
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries.
bedrake15@aol.com
610-446-1394



CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIAL APPLICATION
(APPLICATION DEADLINE is January 4, 2024)

Name of the Ministry/Program: _____

Name of the Person Applying: _____

Address: _____

Contact Information: (Person who is in charge of the ministry/program)

Name: _____

Phones: Office: _____ . Res: _____

Cell: _____ . Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Brief Description of the Ministry/Program:

Brief Description of how this ministry/program is in keeping with our overall goal of calling people to Christ, nurturing discipleship, developing leadership, dismantling racism and poverty, and seeking justice.

Amount Requested: _____

(if possible please attach a financial budget or report, and also a funding strategy if there is one)

Describe briefly in what ways the Eastern PA Conference is connected to your specific Ministry/Program

Does your agency/ministry/program have a safe sanctuaries policy, and a policy for sexual harassment?

Yes_____. No_____.

Other_____.

(Your program must have clearances for staff and volunteers as per the Safe Sanctuaries policy of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. <https://www.epaumc.org/resources/safesanctuaries> There must also be in place a legal recourse for justice in the eventuality of a situation where the workers/volunteers, the leadership of the church, or stake holders are impacted. Clear definitions must also be in place of what constitutes an offence as well as procedures for reporting)

- **Application for the Conference Advance Specials will be included in a resolution, to be presented and voted upon by the 2024 Annual Conference.**

- **If approved, the particular Ministry/Program will be an official conference Advance Special for the year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.**
- **Approval of Conference Advance Special status is not a guarantee of funding. Rather it will be a goal which will be communicated to the local churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, with the hope that they will respond to the need.**

I believe that the ministry I represent will be an extension and an advantage to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. As the ministry/Program unfolds, it will tell its story, raise funds at the local level.

I will acknowledge the approval of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference in any material that promotes this ministry/program.

Note: Treasurers are advised to remit any funds raised or contributions made to the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference through the monthly remittance, which will then be forwarded to the approved Conference Advance Special.

(Signature of the Applicant)

(Date)

(REQUIRED: Signature of your District Superintendent)

(Date)

Completed applications must be received by Deaconess Barbara Drake, Bedrake15@aol.com, by January 4, 2024 in order to be included in the Advance Special Resolution at Annual Conference 2024.