

Application for the Social Justice Endowment Fund Grant 2017

Lexington United Methodist Church

The Social Justice Endowment Fund Committee at Lexington United Methodist Church is pleased to announce a call for proposals for funding of projects that meet a social justice mission.

The fund was established in 2002 as part of the Lexington United Methodist Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration as a way for Lexington UMC to participate financially and ideally, through time and talents as well, in social justice projects regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Social Justice Endowment Fund seeks to support programs that promote and enhance the dignity and welfare of people in unjust circumstances, and which address underlying systemic inequities and causes of injustice.

This year, the Social Justice Endowment Fund Committee anticipates making to one or more organizations grants not to exceed \$2,500. The committee solicits specific proposals from social justice organizations for projects which either can be completed using the funds available, or which can make a substantial contribution to an on-going project.

In order to be considered for this year's funding cycle, proposals must be returned no later than **October 23, 2017** and sent to Lexington United Methodist Church at the contact information listed below. Proposals may be a maximum of five (5) single-sided pages, with reasonable font, margins and spacing. This maximum includes narrative, budget, and supporting documentation.

The Social Justice Endowment Fund Committee at Lexington United Methodist Church will evaluate proposals. Successful proposals will answer the following questions and include the following elements:

Project Mission and Impact

- How does the proposed project meet the social justice mission of this Fund, as stated above?
- How will receipt of this new source of funding enable you to expand an existing program or start a new one?
- What will be the specific accomplishments of the proposed program?
- What will be the impact on your overall mission or organization, and importantly on the broader population you serve, of the proposed project?
- If the funds will be used to support an on-going project, or part of a larger project, what other sources of funding do you have to ensure the continuing viability of the project?

Necessary Elements of the Proposal

- Narrative answering the above questions
- Budget and schedule for the project
- Description of the means by which you will report back to the Social Justice Endowment Fund Committee on your accomplishments and continued problems or needs
- A description of your organization's ability to effectively utilize previous grants, if applicable.
- Name, address, telephone number and preferable e-mail address of a contact person who can answer questions, which the Committee may have about your proposal or organization.

Send proposals postmarked or e-mailed no later than October 23, 2017 to:

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