

# **Grant/Loan Application**

## **Board of Missions**

### **The Staunton District of the Virginia Conference Of the United Methodist Church**

**Application deadlines are the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, April, June, August, October, December**  
*The Board of Managers of the Board of Mission meets January, March, May, July, September, and November to consider requests.*

Mail applications to: Board of Missions, 26 Orr Drive, Fishersville, VA 22939 or email to: [stauntondistrict@vaumc.org](mailto:stauntondistrict@vaumc.org). For questions call: 1-540-932-1055

#### **PURPOSE AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS**

The District Board of Mission Managers (BOMM) reviews financial assistance requests from Staunton District churches. We are blessed to consider many worthy requests for funding. In our process we strive to keep before us the mission of Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations (Mat. 28:19) and the stated purpose of our United Methodist Church (*“to make disciples for the transformation of the world”* – Para. 120, Book of Discipline) compels us to keep our primary purpose before us.

Accordingly, priority is given to missions or projects which:

- are part of a local church’s articulated strategy to reach out to the unchurched in its mission field
- have the greatest potential impact at engaging those without a church community
- are likeliest to reach the impoverished, underserved or at-risk
- might not be possible without financial support from outside the local church
- needed renovations or repairs to a church’s physical plant, grounds or parsonage for the purpose of starting new ministries, or continuing existing vital/growing ministries for the community, or ensuring the building is accessible by all people. (handicap-accessibility remedies, adaptation of facilities to reach new persons, and ~~emergent repairs of an unexpected nature~~)

The Board may opt to use either a grant, a zero-interest loan for all or part of the project, or a combination of grant and loan. *It is anticipated that the local church will shoulder a portion of the project/ministry expense.*

Typically, support from the BOMM would not be sustained over/obtainable for successive years relative to the same project/initiative.

Projects or initiatives of a multi-church, community-based or collaborative nature are encouraged and will be duly considered.

The BOMM may choose to meet on-site to learn more about proposed use of funds, send a representative to do the same, or invite the applicant to come to its meeting to elaborate on plans.

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH INFORMATION:**

Name of church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor (if different from the contact person) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (Fax) \_\_\_\_\_

Charge \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

**MINISTRY INFORMATION:**

Provide a brief description of your congregation's vision for mission and growth.

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How are you making disciples in the community around you?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What evidence is there that disciples are being made?

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| <b><u>Membership and Activity</u></b> | <b><u>5 years</u></b> | <b><u>3 years</u></b> | <b><u>Previous year</u></b> | <b><u>Current year</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Members joining on profession         | _____                 | _____                 | _____                       | _____                      |
| Members joining by transfer           | _____                 | _____                 | _____                       | _____                      |
| Full members                          | _____                 | _____                 | _____                       | _____                      |
| Average Worship attendance            | _____                 | _____                 | _____                       | _____                      |

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Please provide a brief description of the project to be funded:

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How will this building/program help to implement the vision of the Virginia Conference (“We envision churches where all God’s people are welcome at table and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.”)?

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**PROJECT FUNDING: (How do you plan to pay for this project?)**

Cost: Estimated [ ] or Actual [ ] \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested of BOMM**                      **Grant \$**\_\_\_\_\_ **Loan \$**\_\_\_\_\_

Cash on hand to be used in this project                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Pledges to be collected by end of project                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Approved grants from other sources                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

All other funds from other sources (*specify*)                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Requested amount of this loan                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Requested amount of this grant                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL TO APPLY TO COST                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Church Financial Information:**                      **2-years**                      **Previous year**                      **Current year**

Actual Operating Income                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Actual Operating Expenses                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

District Total Apportionment                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Conference Total Apportionments                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_                      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Has your church received a financial grant from the Staunton District Board of Missions Fund within the past 5 years?

\_\_\_yes      \_\_\_no      If “yes”, please indicate the total amount and purpose of the grant award(s):\$\_\_\_\_\_

**REQUEST APPROVAL BY PASTOR AND THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES:**

I hereby certify that I have examined the statements given in this application, and they are correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Council Chair or Lay Leader)