

**Free Methodist Church of North America
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Church Planting Grant Application (Year I)

The Free Methodist Church of North America, through the Board of Bishops in conjunction with area Bishops and Superintendents, awards grants to assist conferences, districts, and local churches in new church development projects. These grants are awarded for up to \$3,000.00 in each of the first and second years of a church planting project.

All grants are subject to the following criteria:

1. Started a small group/cell that has multiplied at least twice (reaching a level of four)
(This means the church planter (1) has started at least one small group/cell (2) that has multiplied into an additional small group/cell (3) and these small groups/cells have multiplied into two additional small groups/cells (4) that is, "reaching a level of four."
2. Demonstrating disciple making as reflected in a minimum of 5 baptisms, as well as 3 disciples (2 beyond the church planter) each into the second generation of making disciples.
(This means the church plant has experienced the fruit of leading at least five people to faith in Christ as expressed through baptism. Further, the church planter (1) has discipled at least 3 people (2) who have matured and are in turn discipling at least 3 others (3).
3. Demonstrating at least one intentional ministry to the poor and disenfranchised of the community.
4. Those desiring to submit applications prior to the completion of these guidelines may do so through their conference Board of Administration, thereby making an appeal to the Board of Bishops.
5. The grant must be matched by the conference/district and/or the parent church.
6. Submit a report on how the above criteria are being addressed in support of the application.

Conference, District, and/or Parent Church _____

Proposed Name of New Church _____

Address of New Church (or name of target community)

City _____ **State** _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Name of Proposed Church Planting Pastor _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Postal Code** _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Estimated Project Budget (first year only)

Projected Income

- A. Project support to be contributed by conference/district/
parent church \$ _____
- B. Pledges/personal faith support church planter will be
required to raise \$ _____
- C. Income from local sources/offerings \$ _____
- D. Other income _____ \$ _____
- E. Grant amount request from the F.M.C.N.A. \$ _____

Estimated Total Income \$ _____

Projected Expenses

- A. Pastor's salary \$ _____
- B. Pastor's housing allowance \$ _____
- C. Pastor's other benefits (insurance, pension, etc.) \$ _____
- D. Other staff salaries/expenses (titles: _____) \$ _____
- E. Moving expenses \$ _____
- F. Facility costs (rent, utilities, maintenance, etc.) \$ _____
- G. Church liability insurance \$ _____
- H. Equipment costs \$ _____
(phone, sound system, office equipment, chairs, etc.)
- I. Program expense \$ _____
(printing, postage, literature, outreach efforts, etc.)

Estimated Total Expense \$ _____

Attach, if available, a copy of your detailed project budget.

CERTIFICATION

This Church planting project is approved by the area bishop, conference, district, and/or parent church and the above statements are accurate and complete.

Conference Supt. Signature Date Church Planting Pastor's Signature Date Area Bishop's Signature Date

(revised 1/04)

<u>Approv:</u> Board of Bishops	<u>Date</u>

<u>Not Approved:</u> Board of Bishops	<u>Date</u>