

Great Plains UMC Clergy Covenant Group Grant Application

Below you will find the information requested for completing the online grant application. It is for your planning purposes only, as you will be requested to submit your application through an online form. Please direct any questions to Dee Williamston, dwilliamston@greatplainsumc.org, 785-414-4213 or Ashlee Alley Crawford, aalleycrawford@greatplainsumc.org, 785-414-4216.

Contact Information for Covenant Group Representative:

- Name
- Address
- City, State, Zip
- Phone
- Email
- Name of Appointment

Contact Information for Other Group Members:

- Name, email address and name of appointment for up to 7 other people

Description:

For the purposes of this grant, a covenant group is:

- a defined group of 3-8 clergy who meet for encouragement, support, **and** accountability
- committed to pray for one another
- may have a written covenant
- meets regularly, though maybe not monthly
- may be a residency, local pastor mentoring group, or Transition into Ministry group
- **not** a network meeting, lectionary study group, or book club
- a full description of clergy covenant groups is available on our website:
www.greatplainsumc.org/clergy covenant groups

Purpose of Grants:

The Clergy Covenant Group Grant is being made available for groups of 3-8 Great Plains UMC clergy with the following intent:

- To provide incentives for existing groups to reimagine their covenant together by enhancing their current group practices.
- To encourage new groups to form
- To address needs of limited financial resources that may be a barrier for some groups in meeting face to face
- To enhance the fruitfulness and health of clergypersons

Use of Funds:

Funds can be used for any of the following:

- Mileage reimbursement for group members for face to face meetings
- To purchase resources (books, subscription service, video, etc.) for members of group to use
- To cover meals or lodging for a gathering (retreat or meeting)
- To provide an honorarium, travel expenses, or food for a guest speaker for your group

Eligibility

- The group must be between 3-8 people
- The group must have met at least twice before. Dates: _____
- Your group could include non-Great Plains clergy but funds are only eligible to be used on Great Plains clergy.

Project Details

- What is your proposal? Be sure to include the central purpose, goals, key activities and timeline.
- Provide a budget for your project including anticipated timeline for budget expenditures. No more than \$500 can be requested for each group in a calendar year.

Application Deadlines:

- Applications will be accepted by the first day of the following months: February, May, August, and November. No applications will be received until May 1, 2018.
- Anticipate that it will take a month to process your request.