

Missional Challenge Fund Guide Akron Mennonite Church (AMC)

Vision Statement

- Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ and church at the center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist-Mennonite expression of faith.
- The purpose of the Missional Challenge Fund is to encourage the personal involvement of AMC's members and regular attenders in carrying out the vision of AMC. AMC places \$28,500 in an annual Missional Challenge Fund to promote direct "missional" activity by members and regular attenders of AMC. Financial resources from the Fund are available for special projects by individual members/regular attenders or Ministry Teams that arise during a given year.

Missional Challenge Fund Guidelines

- Projects proposed should be of an outreach nature with provision for direct AMC member and regular attender participation.
- The Missional Challenge Fund proposal should be submitted in support of specific projects, but not for day-to-day administrative and overhead costs of the sponsoring organization.
- Individual AMC members/regular attenders or Ministry Team members are not to benefit monetarily from a Missional Challenge Fund grant other than being reimbursed for travel or other costs directly incurred in undertaking a project.
- Project proposals up to \$2,500 are reviewed and approved by the Missional Challenge Fund Review Board. This Board is made up of the chair of the Outreach Commission and the four Outreach Cluster Chair persons of AMC.
- Project proposals that exceed \$2,500 are reviewed by the Missional Challenge Fund Review Board which then makes a recommendation to the Congregational Council for approval. Proposals should not exceed \$10,000.
- A brief written proposal containing all information called for on the Missional Challenge Fund Proposal Form (available from the AMC office and the AMC website at <http://www.akronmench.org/outreach.php>) should be submitted to the chair of the Missional Church Cluster for review and consideration.
- The Outreach Commission will provide assistance to applicants by discussing ideas and proposal requirements as requested by proposers.
- Proposals may be submitted at any point in the church's fiscal year, but should be submitted in sufficient time to allow review and processing before the proposed start of the project.
- At some point during or at the completion of the project the Fund recipient is encouraged to share the missional experience with the congregation with a moment in mission during a worship service and/or in written form in the monthly newsletter.
- All funds must be disbursed through AMC or another 501(c) 3 not for profit organization.
- Additional fund requests for missions already support in the AMC budget will be entertained at year end if Missional Challenge funds are still available.