



**Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ  
INNOVATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CONGREGATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET / P.O. BOX) (CITY)

(STATE) (ZIP CODE) (PHONE) (EMAIL) (WEBSITE ADDRESS)

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Have you contacted your Association for matching funds? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, how much and when were you awarded funds? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Board/Consistory/  
Council President: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Association  
President: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Association info requested only if receiving matching grant for funding this innovation project)*

***(Please complete and include this application form with the grant proposal - details on reverse side)***

Please include, at a minimum, responses to the following in your grant proposal (*please attach additional pages, as needed*):

- ❖ Proposal summary (*at least one paragraph*)
- ❖ Amount requested
- ❖ Purpose
- ❖ Description of the project (objectives):
  - How is this project meeting an unmet need in the community?
  - How will you sustain the project after the grant award expires?
  - How will discipleship be encouraged?
- ❖ Anticipated outcomes
- ❖ Process for evaluating the project
- ❖ Budget (18-month projection)
- ❖ Include latest yearbook report
- ❖ Please note: a coach will be available for a 3-6 month period to help you achieve your goals

### **Application and Eligibility Process**

This grant is available to UCC faith communities within the Penn Central Conference of the United Church of Christ. Grant applications will be received July 1 – October 30. Grant award recipients will be notified by the end of November.

To be considered for an innovation grant, all applicants will:

- Complete and submit application form by the deadline: received via email by October 30 or postmarked October 30. Late applications will not be considered.
- Attach 18-month project proposal with detailed budget and project description (see application form)
- Use grant funds for project supplies, etc. (not salaries)
- Submit a grant proposal that reflects a bold and innovative approach to ministry and/or applies an old model in a new way to address a particular need within the ministry context (e.g. community outreach)

Ministries that are meant to be sustaining, as well as ministries that are meant to be impactful for a particular time and place, are encouraged to apply.

- 60% of the funding will be awarded to innovative initiatives in rural or urban faith communities
- Each congregation is eligible for up to \$10,000 (grand lifetime) from this program.

Information about other UCC grants is available here:

[http://www.ucc.org/program\\_grants](http://www.ucc.org/program_grants)

<http://www.ucc.org/grow-your-church>

Information for starting new churches is available here:

<http://www.ucc.org/newchurch>

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### **FOR GRANT COMMITTEE USE ONLY**

Funding Period:      From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount awarded:    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date declined: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Initials of committee member completing this: \_\_\_\_\_

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