

Peace, Justice and Service Grant Program

Program Purpose

The Central Plains Mennonite Conference Service and Outreach Committee believes it is important to the development of faith to encourage members of the Conference churches to participate in worthwhile and meaningful experiences which enhance one's walk with Christ. The Committee encourages creativity in seeking out projects that promote peace, justice, and service in one's community, nation, and the world.

For these reasons, the Committee looks to fund projects, activities, and organizations that encourage hands-on, in-depth involvement while promoting peace, justice, and service. As the Committee believes that groups should have a personal investment in the project proposed, the Committee will award grants for up to half of the funds necessary for a particular project, unless circumstances justify further support.

If selected for a grant, upon completion of the project, a follow-up report shall be provided to the Committee reflecting on the experience.

How to Apply for a Grant

The Committee uses the following considerations, among others, in its review of grant proposals and offers this information in an effort to be as open as possible about the grant application process.

Please be aware that the considerations listed below do not constitute a complete list. We do not use them as a checklist or a score card and meeting all of the considerations will not necessarily result in a grant award. Please be advised that grants are contingent on the availability of funds. These grants are available to active participants of Central Plains Conference Congregations.

Relation of the Proposed Activities to the Purpose of the Program

Does your activity:

- ◆ Pursue peace?
- ◆ Seek justice for those in need in your community, including minorities, special-needs individuals, and at-risk children and spouses?
- ◆ Enable you to serve a group in need?

Additional Considerations

The funds are to be used for the following:

- ◆ Christian Peacemaker Teams
- ◆ Youth Group Service and Outreach Projects
- ◆ Adult Service Groups

If you feel your request meets these requirements, please submit a 1 page letter of intent to our office including budget information at the following address: **Central Plains Mennonite Conference, c/o Peace, Justice, and Service Grant, PO Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029**. Please allow up to 60 days for consideration and approval of your application.