

# Central Plains Mennonite Conference

## New Ministries Grant Program

### Program Purpose

The Central Plains Mennonite Conference Board believes it is important to support the discovery and development of new avenues for ministry to advance the commonly held mission and priorities. New ministry initiatives provide the opportunity for our conference, congregations, groups and individuals to test where the Spirit is leading us in new directions for growth in our common faith, life, and mission.

For these reasons, the Conference Board welcomes proposals to fund carefully conceived new initiatives that offer hands-on, in-depth involvement while promoting the conference mission and priorities of holistic witness, leadership, fellowship, and discipleship. The Board will authorize up to 15% of the total balance of unrestricted dollars in the New Ministry Fund as of May 1 each year. Some level of financial commitment from those making the application will increase the likelihood of having their proposal approved. Individuals, congregations, or committees within our conference may apply for these funds understanding that the grants will require approval of the Conference Board at their regular meetings.

If selected for a grant, upon completion of the project, a follow-up report shall be provided to the Conference Board assessing the value of this initiative and its missional impact.

### Relation of the Proposed Activities to the Purpose of the Program

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. New Ministries Grants are contingent on the availability of funds.

Does your activity:

- ❖ Promote holistic witness
- ❖ Develop leadership
- ❖ Enhance Fellowship among conference congregations or beyond the borders of our conference
- ❖ Foster Discipleship

### How to Apply for a Grant

Applications for grants can be downloaded from the conference website under the New Ministries tab or they can be requested by writing to the conference office. The Conference Board has developed a rubric for evaluating the proposals and will be distributed with the application process to serve as a guide for quality application development.

If you feel your request meets these requirements, please submit a completed application and a 1 page letter of intent to the conference office including budget information at the following address: **Central Plains Mennonite Conference, c/o New Ministries Grant, PO Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029**. Please allow up to 90 days for consideration and approval of your application.