

CUMC Mission Special Fund Grant Funding, Fundraising Policy and Establishment of the CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team

The Purpose

Mission and Outreach Special Funds are intended for mission initiatives to serve and work within the local community and/or beyond to further the mission of CUMC and His kingdom. Priority will be given by the CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team (MOSTeam) to requests that are most closely aligned with the vision and mission of CUMC.

Mission & Outreach Ministry Team

The CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team will oversee and support CUMC missions and outreach through promotion of effective ministry strategies, supporting new and existing ministry initiatives by providing tools, support, counsel and connections to further and enhance the potential viability and success of CUMC missions. In addition, the MOSTeam will:

- Oversee the CUMC Fundraising Calendar to ensure fundraising events are closely coordinated to maximize fundraising efforts for each approved event. Prior approval of all CUMC fundraising will be authorized by the MOSTeam based on the CUMC Fundraising Policy,*
- Oversee fundraising for and use of the Mission and Outreach Special Fund, including serving as the approval mechanism for grant funding review, approval, and accountability including Leadership Team and congregational reporting, and*
- Ensure effective communications Fundraising Calendar and Policy requirements as well as Mission & Outreach Special Fund accountings and requirements.*

Process for Mission & Outreach Support Team and Grant Approval

1. Mission and Outreach Special Funds Grants will be authorized by the CUMC Mission & Outreach Support Team (MOSTeam)
2. The MOSTeam will be appointed by the CUMC Leadership Team and consist of at least five voting members as well as the CUMC Discipleship and Equipping Minister as a non-voting member. The MOSTeam Leader will be designated by the CUMC Leadership Team.
3. MOSTeam decisions can only be made via quorum, with simple majority (three) of members constituting a quorum.
4. The MOSTeam will meet no less than quarterly in order to review an accounting of the Mission and Outreach Special Fund as well as review and approve all grant requests made in the quarter.
5. The MOSTeam will only consider funding requests made and received using the attached application and on the time frame outlined on the form.
6. Potential fundraising events tied to congregational care related needs of CUMC covenant partners will be considered. These type of fundraising needs may arise from time-to-time and are typically sponsored by a Sunday school class or covenant group in order to assist with an extraordinary financial need of a family or individual. These fundraising events will be considered as calendar requests only. The books and records, TAX ID Number, as well as the charitable status of CUMC may not be used in any way in order to remain in adherence with IRS guidelines.
7. The MOSTeam is delegated total authority to administer and oversee the Mission and Outreach Special Fund based on the criteria outlined on the attached application. MOSTeam decisions are considered final.
8. The MOSTeam Leader will serve on the CUMC Leadership Team and reports will be made at each Leadership Team meeting of MOSTeam applications received, decisions made and Mission and Outreach Special Fund sources and uses.
9. Grants will only be funded once authorized by the MOSTeam Leader signing on behalf of the MOSTeam.
10. After each series of Quarterly Grants, a record of grants approved should be published in ACTS, the monthly newsletter of CUMC in order to transparently share MOSTeam decisions.
11. Mission Record of Expenses as well as Mission Testimonial Forms should be sent to Discipleship and Equipping Minister within 30 days of completion of ministry initiatives where Mission and Outreach Special Funds were used for review by the MOSTeam at their next quarterly meeting.