

MINISTRY DISCIPLESHIP FUND

The Mission of Ministry Discipleship Fund (MDF)

The MDF is established as a means to promote new ministry initiatives at Third Church. The MDF accomplishes this by designating funds for the development and expansion of the ministries of the church, as well its members' ministry efforts in the greater Kalamazoo community and beyond. The MDF is meant to fund ministry initiatives that fall outside of the church budget and represent new opportunities to share the love of Christ in word or deed.

Who is eligible to receive funds?

Members of Third are invited to apply for MDF funds to help facilitate ministry projects. These ministries projects may include:

- Worship, including promotion and encouragement of the arts in public worship and community outreach.
- Pastoral care, including benevolent activities.
- Faith nurture, including educational programs for Youth and members of the community.
- Outreach, including mission projects and other community activities in which Third church is significantly involved.
- Such other activities as the Council of Third Church may designate.

Process for Application

- Requestor completes the grant application and submits it to the church office.
- The MDF committee will consider the request and submit the recommendation to Council.
- Council will consider the recommendation from the MDF committee. A representative of Council will contact the requestor once a decision is reached.
- If you have any questions throughout the application process, please contact any member of the MDF committee.

Report

After the grant is received and utilized, the MDF committee requests that the applicant share his or her experience with the congregation.

APPLICATION

1. Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

2. Project Information:

Please attach a description of your proposed project or program. Your description must include, but is not limited to the following details:

- a. Give a short summary of what you will be doing.
- b. Include how your ministry aligns with the mission of the MDF and Third Church.
- c. Share if your project, with these participants, require future expenditures to continue successfully.

3. Grant Request:

Please attach a reasonably detailed budget for the proposed project. Also provide the dollar amount requested and to whom the disbursement should be made.

Amount of Grant Request: _____ Check Payable to: _____

Recipient Name: _____ Recipient Phone: _____

Recipient Email Address: _____

4. Post-Project Report:

Briefly describe how and when you would potentially share your experience with the congregation.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. MDF Team Recommendation: (To be completed by the MDF Team)

MDF Representative: _____ Date: _____

6. Council Decision: (To be completed by Council)

MDF Representative: _____ Date: _____