

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE – PROGRAM COUNCIL

**CREATIVE MINISTRIES
GRANT APPLICATION**

Please complete every section of this application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This application is used for 2014-15 Creative Ministries Grants. All applications must be submitted on or before **May 1**.

Project Title:

Name of Group Implementing Ministry:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone/Fax:

Website, if any:

If a local church project, give the Conference District of the Project (A/CNW/CS/D/E/R):

Person Responsible for the project:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Cell phone:

Email:

1. Project Description. Please provide a 50-word description of the Project.

2. Mission. The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, specifically in the Northern Illinois Conference, we think of this as vital Christians and vital congregations changing the world. Describe how this project fulfills this mission.

3. Impact. Describe how this ministry will impact individuals, churches, and community, by providing quantitative information. Example: the number of people involved, meals served, hopes for transformation, etc.

4. Creativity. How is this ministry creative and different from what exists in your area?

5. Financial Information.

What is the total amount requested from NIC Program Council?

How will this amount be spent? (Provide a *detailed* budget for the ministry by category. Use extra pages if necessary. Make sure expenses are divided into appropriate groups, including personnel costs, supplies, utilities, rent, janitorial services, program materials, music, and any equipment costs. Most unfunded applications do not provide enough detail in this budget.)

Are there other funding sources? Please list amounts and current status (planned, requested, committed).

Project Name: _____

6. **Leadership & Collaboration.** Who will lead the project, and what skills does this person or group bring?

List any relevant collaborations that are helping you in your project:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

7. **Future Plans.** Is this ministry one time or ongoing? If ongoing, how do you envision sustaining it beyond this creative ministry grant?

Please include any other information that you believe to be helpful.

Has the sponsoring organization completed any Creative Ministries/Emerging Ministry projects in the past? If so, what year?

Name of person filling out this form:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone/Cell:

Signature

Date

Criteria: How will these be evaluated? Creative Ministries grants invite you to be CREATIVE.

When we look at projects/ministries, we ask just a few questions, such as:

Is it New? Is it collaborative?

Does it respond to a need in a new way?

Don't change your message to fit us. We want your ideas.

Is it Creative?

Return this completed application to:

Rev. Christopher Pierson at cperson@umcnic.org or 847-931-0732 (fax)

Project Name: _____

Endorsements

Before final approval, the funding application must be reviewed
and endorsed by the designated persons below.

By signing this, the endorsee acknowledges the following:

“I have reviewed the above proposal and believe it is a means of strengthening and
developing creative ministries in the Northern Illinois Conference.”

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Phone/Email</u>	<u>Signature</u>
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District Superintendent

Local Church Pastor

Chair of Local Church Council*

* If Administrative Council or Administrative Board exists, either is acceptable.

Project Name: _____