



Northern Illinois Conference
United Methodist Church

Rainbow Covenant Application Form 2014-15

Rainbow Covenant Title: _____
(As you wish it be presented in the Rainbow Covenant Booklet)

Dollar goal for the Advance giving (please be realistic): \$ _____

Types of Advances

There are two types of Advances, Conference and District. A **CONFERENCE** Advance is a ministry whose work applies to the whole Annual Conference and is regularly reviewed by a Conference board or commission. A **DISTRICT** Advance is a work of a particular cluster or district and invites other churches to be involved in the ministry. Its work is reviewed by the district secretary of global ministries and each district's accountability structure, including the DS. Each submission should be reviewed by the appropriate Conference board or DS. Please indicate which Advance for which you are applying:

[] Conference Advance Special: Name of Board or Commission _____
Board or Commission Chair _____

[] District Advance Special: Name of District _____
District Secretary of Global Ministries _____
District Superintendent Signature _____

Has this request been listed previously [] Yes [] No Rainbow Covenant Number _____

If yes, please use your records to report how much was received through the Advance in the past year.

See Criteria, #6 \$ _____

Project contact person/Position _____

Name of Treasurer or Development Officer _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax# _____ Email _____ Website _____

Is this the same address to send the final check? If not, please list below:

Application

On another sheet, please describe this potential Rainbow Covenant project in 100 words or less. This will be used as the promotional material about the project and for project evaluation. Applications above 100 words will be truncated to the first 100 words used. Send all application materials to the e-mail address below. Photos are welcome.

Applications on behalf of an organization and not from the organization itself will not be accepted.

All submissions must be sent to Rev. Michael Mann at mmann@umcnic.org

Questions? (847) 931-0710, ext. 20

Deadline January 31st, 2014

Conference and District Advance Specials Criteria

To be a Conference or District Advance Special, a ministry/project/agency must meet the following criteria...

- 1. Have a mission statement reflective of the mission statement of the Northern Illinois Conference.**
- 2. Be affiliated with the United Methodist Church by mandate of the organization.**
For example:
 - a. Inclusion of board members who are United Methodists.**
 - b. Partner with churches within the United Methodist connection.**
 - c. Be housed within a United Methodist church.**
 - d. Do ministry reflective of The Social Principles or Mission Goals of The United Methodist Church.**
 - e. Receive financial support from local United Methodist churches.**
- 3. Provide ministry within the boundaries of the Northern Illinois Conference.**
- 4. Provide a ministry that engages United Methodist churches and their people beyond the local area.**
- 5. Be a legal, non-profit organization or under the umbrella of a legal, nonprofit entity.**
- 6. Provide evidence of a yearly financial audit.**

Special Notes:

If a church has its own individual ministry that is primarily a mission of just that local church, like a food pantry or after-school program, it may not need an Advance number. Anyone can contribute to that ministry by giving to that local church. Only when a ministry is a larger effort of many congregations or an independent non-profit would it need an Advance.

By receiving an Advance number, a ministry is essentially establishing a tool for UMC congregations to give to it. It does not guarantee receipt of any funds. Advances not receiving funds or receiving funds below a threshold amount (a percentage of the dollar goal) will be asked to seek support through means other than the Advance.

Ministries are asked to use only one Advance number to support their projects.