



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
WINTER GARDEN

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*A community worshipping God, welcoming all, and serving our world*

**Request for Mission Funds**

Person/Group Requesting Funds: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information to help us evaluate how well your organization/project meets our established criteria. Email this form to the Mission Committee at First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden.

Monetary amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date it will be needed by: \_\_\_\_\_

How do the activities/projects of this person or group have relevance to our church vision?

Which members of our congregation are involved in this organization/project? How are they involved?

How can our contribution make a significant difference for your organization/Project?

Will this contribution foster spiritual growth for the members of our congregation? Explain how...

How will we know that your organization/team/project has accomplished the purpose for which our contribution was requested?

Additional Comments. . . .

## Evaluation Criteria for Mission Funding

### 1-RELEVANCE TO OUR CHURCH VISION

We strive to foster mission projects, partnerships and causes that reflect our church's fundamental vision.

#### **FUMCWG Vision Statement:**

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### 2-INVOLVEMENT (AND PASSION) OF CONGREGATION MEMBERS IN AND FOR THE PROJECT/CAUSE

We want to encourage our congregation to get involved in mission projects and causes so they can experience the joy, peace and satisfaction that comes from living out our faith in service to others. Many church members are extremely passionate about specific causes such as peacemaking, homeless ministry, housing repair, service to the elderly, partnerships with churches in Third World countries. Therefore, we will favor a project or organization if a church member is directly involved and willing to be an internal champion of that cause. These organizations and projects will be favored over simple requests for money, particularly if no one from the church is linked to that organization.

### 3-ABILITY TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

The Mission and Outreach Committee receive countless funding requests and petitions for support. Even after narrowing funding requests according to the first two criteria, we still must often choose one organization over another. While we would love to fund all remaining organizations, the amount per group would be so small as to make no significant difference. Therefore, we favor projects and organizations where our contributions can truly make a difference rather than be a drop in the bucket of a national campaign.

### 4-OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR MEMBERS AND CONGREGATION

Opportunities occasionally arise where a congregation member feels the call to serve and learn through association with a mission-oriented organization. As a result, we occasionally will sponsor individual members' participation in mission projects and trips. In these cases, the funds are offered with the expectation that the sponsored individual or group will share their experiences with the congregation, offering insights into what they have learned and how they have grown as a result of the experience.

### 5-ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION

We are called to be responsible stewards of our church's resources. As a result, we research requests for support to ensure the organization delivers on its mission promise.

Please send completed form to [fumc@fumcwg.org](mailto:fumc@fumcwg.org) Attention: Missions.



*"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."*

--1 John 3:18