



2020 Church and Community Collaboration Racial Equity and Justice Request for Proposals

Metro Ministries, Inc. is launching a new grants cycle to respond to racial inequality. We are offering a limited number of matching fund grants of up to \$1,000 each to **United Methodist Churches in the Central District** for projects in which churches participate in meaningful work towards racial equity and justice in their local communities and beyond.

This grant opportunity encourages congregations to engage in introspective thinking and deep listening with open, likely uncomfortable, conversations within their churches and communities. Proposed projects should answer the question “How will your church commit to creating a society that is based on justice and equal opportunity for all?”

The grants are to be seed money to stimulate sustainable change in individuals, congregations and communities. While there is no assumption that expected change will be massive or extreme, it must be tangible, visible and extendable.

Project ideas may include things like resource materials, speakers or panelists, seminar attendance or community events, to name a few examples. We welcome your creative thinking about what project may be most effective in your church and community.

The application is available on Metro Ministries, Inc.’s website at www.indymetroumc.org/grants. Please submit your application via email to metrodirector1923@gmail.com by October 1, 2020. Grant recipients will be notified by October 19, 2020 with checks distributed by October 31, 2020.

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