

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR LIGHTHOUSE CONGREGATION OFF-SITE COMMUNITY
OUTREACH EVENT**

These grants are being provided to increase visibility and improve missional effectiveness of Lighthouse Congregations. A grant up to \$400 per congregation for an outreach event that targets a population already established as a mission priority by the congregation. This is a competitive grant process with funding available for no more than ten congregations on or before December 31, 2024.

Grant funds may be utilized for one or multiple needs as identified below.

Church name: _____

Name of contact person and their contact info: _____

Event date: _____

What will your congregation contribute (financial, supplies, volunteers) to make this event a success?

Are there community organizations with whom your congregation will partner in this endeavor?

Describe your venue, why it is a good choice for your target audience and what it will cost (including how it can accommodate for accessibility, hearing/vision, neuro-divergent special needs, etc.):

What is your plan for quality entertainment/activities/guest speakers/etc.?

Taking into account your community context and resources, describe your communications/promotional plan and why it is a good fit to reach your target audience (including any associated costs):

Describe your hospitality plan for the event (including volunteers, food and promotional products):

Describe your communications plan for *following up* with participants (correspondence, next steps, etc.):

How will you prepare your congregation to welcome the target audience? What does your congregation need to learn/know to be more effective in reaching this population?

Do you need assistance in identifying resources to improve your congregation's understanding of this population?

Explain how this event aligns with your church's stated vision or missional priorities:

Is your superintendent aware of and supportive of this vision/missional priority?

_____ yes _____ no

Indicate the amount of money you are requesting and how the grant dollars will be used (e.g. advertising, refreshments, etc.):

If selected, do you agree to provide the following to the Conference, via Tracey Leslie:

- Pics of your event (remember to secure permission if individuals are identifiable)
- To share info regarding how participants were made aware of the event
- To notify Tracey within a month of your event to report new individuals engaging with your congregation based on service attendance

Your completed grant application should be returned via email to tracey.leslie@inumc.org for review by the Lighthouse Congregations team.