

# Central Valley District Union

## 2022 Grant and Loan Application Information

### Grants and Loans are available in the following categories:

- New Church Development: new places for new people
- Local Church Renewal: helping existing congregations develop outreach
- Circuit and Cooperative Ministries: collaborative efforts involving two or more churches
- Emergency Pastoral Compensation Grants

### Grants:

Grants are normally program oriented (resources, materials or staffing for new or expanded programs) and may be renewed annually for up to three consecutive years (not to exceed a total of four consecutive years) subject to compliance with annual evaluations and completion of a renewal request application. Churches may apply for Grants of up to \$5,000 per church per year, plus an additional \$250 for each 10% of the Conference Tithe paid in the prior year, up to \$7,500 per church per year if the Conference Tithe was paid in-full. In addition, churches whose prior year Conference Tithe was paid in-full may request an additional \$250 for each 10% of Second Mile Giving paid in the prior year, up to a total of \$10,000 per church, per year if the Conference Tithe and Second Mile Giving were paid in-full.

### Emergency Pastoral Compensation Grants:

In emergency situations such as the novel coronavirus outbreak or natural disasters that strike communities and regions, emergency grants are available to help congregations meet their pastoral compensation commitments.

### Church Start Grants:

A Church Start Grant is flexible so that funding policies can be crafted for the needs of the church plant. A Church Start grant may be used to fund salary, administrative cost, equipment, marketing and communication, outreach, insurance, property taxes, programming and training with the items being negotiable. The Church grant may be renewed annually for up to four consecutive years (not to exceed a total of five consecutive years) subject to compliance with annual evaluations and completion of a renewal request application. Application can be made for a total of \$250,000 over a five-year period with the funding arrangement reduced over time. Church Start Grants are only considered on recommendation of the Conference Committee on New and Vital Congregations. For further eligibility requirements and additional information, please consult the Office of Congregational Development.

### Loans:

Loans are normally approved for one-time expenditures for construction, repair, or equipment. Loan amounts are subject to available funds. Terms are negotiable.

The District Union reserves the prerogative to engage applicants in dialogue offering a loan as an alternative to a grant, and vice versa.

Applications must be received by the CVDU President, Mark Wharff ([Mark.Wharff@cnumc.org](mailto:Mark.Wharff@cnumc.org)), at least two (2) weeks prior to the CVDU Board meeting at which they are to be considered. (CVDU Board meetings are scheduled February 19, May 21, August 20, and November 19, 2022.)