Trinity United Methodist Church
Mission Support/Funding Application Form

Mission Guidelines

- *The purpose of missions is to give greater glory to God by magnifying the number of those who will praise and worship him throughout eternity.*

- In order to be faithful stewards of the funds parishioners have given for the work of Christ, we will consider funding requests by asking the questions:

  1. *"Will this ministry cause those who do not worship God to come to that place where they will know, honor and serve God?"*
  2. *"Will this ministry cause those who do worship, honor and serve God, to do so in a more faithful way?"*

- The above two Guidelines do not discount activities that serve to meet the physical needs of people, but it means that there must be something within those activities that makes it very clear that *this loving service proclaims the good news of our loving heavenly father and Jesus the Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life.* This will be the primary focus of the Mission Ministry of Trinity UMC.

- Trinity UMC fully participates in the mission ministry of the United Methodist Church and is committed to always paying 100% of our allocated shared portion. This is a large percentage of our total mission budget, and is paid through the Greater New Jersey Conference in support of global mission outreach of our denomination. Of the remaining funds available for our discretionary use under the leadership of the Missions Ministry Team, funds will be made available in three categories: 1) *Missions*, 2) *Charitable Giving*, and 3) *Humanitarian Aid*. Within each of these categories, funds are divided among local, national and international projects.

- *Missions* funding, based on the above Mission Guidelines, is given priority, and a majority of the discretionary funds available, in any given year, are for this purpose. The Missions Ministry Team will seek to utilize approximately 80% of its annual discretionary budget for this purpose.

- The categories of *Charitable Giving* and *Humanitarian Aid*, are also very important, but have a lesser degree of priority. The Mission Ministry Team will seek to utilize approximately 20% of their annual discretionary budget for these purposes.

(These Guidelines are in accordance with the Strategic Plan Mission Initiative adopted by the congregation.)

Please complete the attached Mission Support/Funding Application Request form and provide as much information as possible, along with any other supporting information that you feel will be helpful to the Mission Ministry Team. You should return this Application to the church office to the attention of the Missions Ministry Team. You may be contacted and asked to attend a committee meeting in regard to this Application. If you are approved for funding, you may be required to provide other information before and after the event. You may also be required to provide a written report and give testimony to the congregation. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the church office.

Please return the application to: Trinity United Methodist Church   Phone 908-852-3020
                                      Mission Ministry Team
                                      213 Main Street
                                      Hackettstown, NJ 07840

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Date of Application: _____

Person/Group requesting funds: _____
Address: _____
Phone #s: _____
Email: _____

Connection to Trinity United Methodist Church: _____
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Amount of funds requested: _____ Date Needed:_____

Check to be made payable to: _____
Contact person name: _____
(where check is to be sent)
Address: _____
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Phone #s: _____
Email: _____

Purpose and use of the funds - Please explain how the use of these funds fulfills the Mission Guidelines stated on page one of this Application:
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For organization or ministry use, please include background information, Trinity connection, etc. For event, please include pertinent information, including number of participants, ages, other means of support (please feel free to attach additional pages, supporting documentation, etc.).
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