

Guidelines of the Micah 6:8/No Harm Do Good Endowment Grant

*“God has told you, human one, what is good and what is required of you:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Mission Statement:

It is the donor's desire that special care be directed to fulfill the stated purpose through outreach and ministry to persons or groups of persons outside the United Methodist Church in hope of changing lives and transforming the world. This fund is not to replace or establish the giving of funds to church members or persons coming to a local church for assistance. Nor is it to be used for evangelism. Guiding the discernment process for the distribution of funds is Micah 6:8 and a similar focus from United Methodist heritage, John Wesley's Three General Rules: *Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God.*

1. An annual grant application review process will be established between Foundation President and the Grant Committee Chair. Updates to these guidelines and application will then be reported to the full Board at its next meeting.
2. All grant proposals will be screened by Foundation Grants Committee and approved applications will be reported to the full board at its annual meeting.
3. Availability of Micah 6:8 Grant, approval process, guidelines and application will be widely advertised through conference and district media outlets as well as through The Foundation website and e-letter.
4. Special Emergency Financial Assistance Grants may be awarded to a local church only with the sanction of the District Superintendent and approval of the Foundation Board Executive Committee.
5. The Micah 6:8 Grant will not be used for local church for salary supplement, remodeling of building structure, building repair, replacement – including furnaces, and air conditioners.
6. The Micah 6:8 Grant will not be awarded as a funding source for perpetually funding any specific ongoing program, activity, or ministry of a local church.
7. The grant may be awarded to a group, organization, district or the Conference for the purpose of encouraging generous acts of justice and mercy by persons or groups of persons in response to the needs or persecution of persons outside the United Methodist Church, in the community and the world.
8. The grant may be awarded to support and enable generous acts of justice, mercy and kindness through local Methodist churches, districts, or the Conference.
9. Annual distributions shall be encouraged, but are not required. Distribution to approved applicants is not based on equity but on need.
10. Applications previously submitted and not approved may be revised and re-submitted the following year.
11. Applications may be conditionally approved based upon IMMEDIATE REVISION(S) in compliance with Foundation guidelines.
12. Applications must be submitted to Foundation Grants Committee by November 1st. The decision of The Virginia United Methodist Foundation Board is final for all grant awards submitted for funding.

Each Grantee will be required to give a status report to the Grants Committee for its report to the Foundation Board one year after award has been approved.