

Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund

Application Guidelines | 2019 Ministry Grants



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Purpose of the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund

Applications for grants from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund should be for ministries fulfilling the stated purposes of the Fund:

“The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world. Jesus’s words in Matthew 28:19-20 provide the Church with our mission, ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.’ As United Methodists, our stated mission, as outlined in The Book of Discipline, is to follow this great commission ‘. . . to make disciples of Jesus Christ.’”

The Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund aims to support ministries who demonstrate an intention, plan, and ability to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Does my ministry qualify?

Disciples are made when we:

- Proclaim the gospel, seek and welcome and gather persons into the community of the Body of Christ
- Lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism and profession of faith in Jesus Christ
- Nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, Christian Education/study and other means of grace
- Send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel

Ministries that seek support from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund, may originate from an Annual Conference (through the Bishop, the Cabinet, the Conference Ministries Advisory Council or a Commission or Committee thereof, or from any other recognized Conference agency), or from a Local Church, A District, A United Methodist pastor, or an agency of the General Church.

The following types of funding requests are not eligible for support:

- Salary support
- Building projects (brick-and-mortar)
- Debt reduction
- Parish nursing
- Preschools



Preference will be given to ministries focusing on attracting younger generations. One-time applications or requests for startup grants for a special ministry not regularly a part of an annual operating budget are also given preference.

Grants will be awarded based on the merit of the request, and the amount of funds available.

How to Apply:

01. Apply before Noon (EST) on Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 at <http://bit.ly/2wy3A5a>

02. You must clearly articulate how your program/initiative aims to make disciples of Jesus Christ

03. You must submit a budget proposal indicating how all monies awarded will be used (monies must be used during calendar year 2019)

“We are not going to let side issues distract us from the main thing. We have one purpose: to make disciples for Christ.” – Royce Reynolds

Questions about Reynolds Ministries including grant funding from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund can be directed to the Director of Reynolds Ministries and Programs at the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina:

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“If I can pay for things that nurture the Church, I am blessed...” – Royce Reynolds

“If you can’t measure it, you can’t manage it!” – Royce Reynolds

The faithfulness and generosity of Royce and Jane Reynolds has, for many years, supported disciple-making initiatives on an extraordinary level. Our gratitude for Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds cannot be overstated. We continue to be inspired by their commitment to evangelism.

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Grants from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund

What can your ministry do to make disciples for Jesus Christ? What can your church, your district, our conference do that will make disciples for Jesus Christ? The Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund of the United Methodist Foundation seeks to support innovative, engaging, ambitious initiatives that will invite new believers into a relationship with Christ. The ministry grants reach far and wide. They are diverse in method and approach. What grant recipients have in common is the vision of helping the Church to reach out in new ways and engage new people with the message of the Gospel. Grants have been made for Disciple Bible Study in prison, community Bible Studies, radio spots, movie nights for neighboring schools, expansion of church presence on the web and many more.

In 2018

The office of the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina was blessed to receive 71 grant applications in 2018 which totaled over \$1.7 million in requested funds. These figures far surpassed those of previous years. The United Methodist Foundation celebrated this as a sign of the abundance of wonderful and innovative ministry taking place around our Conference and beyond! In 2018, the Reynolds Ministry Fund was able to distribute approximately \$418,000 in grant awards. We hope to see new and even more innovative applications submitted in 2019.

Follow-up and Accountability

Can you measure success? Yes! Success is measured in expansion of God’s reign and in the transformation of individual lives beginning with making a commitment to Jesus Christ. If you receive a grant from the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund, you will be asked to report back to us as we believe accountability is central to our faith journey. If you receive a grant, you may be asked about scheduling a site visit.

Award Decisions



All award decisions are made by a team of dedicated volunteers. The team will review and prayerfully consider all applications. The team will meet in March 2019 to make the difficult award decisions regarding which applications best match the intentions and parameters of the Reynolds Ministry Fund.

Your community is ready. The world is waiting. Dream, vision, plan, and apply! We look forward to partnering with you in the most important call of making disciples for Christ.

The Foundation and the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund

The **United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, Inc.** is “a ministry of the Church and for the Church whose mission is to build the Church for generations to come. We fulfill this mission by investing in people, churches and related institutions, and innovation. We envision a Church where people live-out their discipleship through the faithful stewardship of their God-given resources.”

The Foundation is honored to have been the home of the Royce and Jane Reynolds Ministry Fund for many years. Other “Reynolds Ministries” of the Foundation include the Reynolds Program in Church Leadership, the Reynolds Leadership Academy for Evangelism and Discipleship, and the Reynolds Academy for Ministry Management.