

Guidelines for Grants through SC Conference Board of Global Ministries

Belin Trust

The Belin Trust is administered through the CBGM. The purpose of the fund is to provide seed money for new missions or new programs within current missions in the SC UMC Conference. Applicants must show how this is a mission of the church and describe the plan for future funding. Funds are to be given through the district superintendent when they are ready to be used. After notification of grant, funds must be requested and used within one year. Funds not requested and used within one year will be returned to the corpus of the Trust. Applications are considered at the CBGM meetings in January and September. Applications to be considered in January must be received by the previous December 1; to be considered in September applications must be received by August 1.

Hunger Ministries Funds

Hunger-related ministries are supported through conference-wide appeals, with a special focus on the month of October (National Hunger Awareness Month is October). Funds collected are disbursed by grants, given through application to the Conference Board of Global Ministries. Applications may be received year round. Those received prior to August 1 will be considered at the Fall meeting of the CBGM (usually in early September), and those received prior to December 1 will be considered at the Winter meeting (usually in early January).

Church Extension Partnership Funds

The Church Extension Partnership is designed to assist smaller-membership churches (those with an average attendance of less than 100) with building repair, parsonage repair, or the formation of new outreach ministries into their communities. There are three “calls” per year- Advent, Lent, and Annual Conference. At each of the calls the request of a specific church will be listed and the 90% of the funds received from that particular call will be given to the church, up to the amount requested. The other 10% goes into a fund managed by the SC United Methodist Foundation. Fifty percent of the proceeds of the endowment are used to supplement each call, with the other 50% being reinvested. Applications for the Advent Call must be received by August 1, and for the Lenten and Conference Calls by December 1.