

# Belin Trust Application Form

District, Conference or Other-based Mission Projects

## Tips to help with your application

The Conference Board of Global Ministries acts as a representative of the Annual Conference and is entrusted with distribution of the funds associated with the Belin Board of Trust. As such, there are guidelines and deadlines that ensure the proper stewardship and use of these funds.

The history of the Belin Trust goes all the way back to the 1800s and has been used through the years for various purposes. It originally provided upkeep for the Waccamaw Neck Mission in what is now the Myrtle Beach/Murrells Inlet area. After the Civil War, and in accordance with the rendering of Rev. Belin's will, the responsibility of distributing the funds came under the mission board of the Annual Conference and ultimately through the cognizance of the Belin Board.

The definition of what these funds could be used for has changed through the years, but one thing has not changed – they are to be used for missional and ministry purposes, not for structures, buildings or salaries. (There are other resources for those needs). With that in mind, applications to build or renovate existing buildings usually are not considered. The present Belin Board of Trust and CBGM define appropriate requests as “a new ministry or a new ministry in an existing setting.”

Here are tips to help you increase the chances that your application will be considered:

- Ensure that your application is received in the Conference Connectional Ministries Office, with all signatures before the deadline date. This ensures that the District Connectional Ministries Team, the District Superintendent, and the CBGM have sufficient time to review your request. Since each district sets its own time for when the District Connectional Ministry Team meets, you will need to call the district office and find out when they meet so you can have your application to them on time. This also applies for the District Superintendent's office. This means you may have to start this process a couple of months, or even more, before the deadline if you want your application approved. If the Conference Connectional Ministries Office receives your application after the deadline date, it will be deferred until the next cycle.
- When you apply for a grant, please ensure that the project is ready to go and is approved by either the Administrative Council of the church or other appropriate organization. There is a one-year time frame in which the grant must be used or the funds must be returned to the trust.
- Make sure your project falls into the categories defined in the above paragraphs as far as a new ministry or a new ministry within an existing organization. Remember: Structures, buildings and salaries are not usually approved.
- Grants are usually given on a one-time basis. The assumption is that this funding will be used for start-up money. With that in mind, if this project is long term, please have a plan for future funding.

It is the intention and motivation of the Conference Board of Global Ministries to help churches and organizations to be innovative in reaching out to the communities around our churches, districts and state. Many great ideas are reaching new people in new places around our Annual Conference.

Help us help you start new ministries – and to be good stewards of the responsibilities given us.

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## Local Church-Based Mission Projects

Mail all applications to: Connectional Ministries, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203

**Deadlines: July 15 and Jan. 15**

Applications received after these dates will be deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

**Please fill in the following:**

District \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Location \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH DATA**

Organized (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Present Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Number/Local Families \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

How often are worship services held? \_\_\_\_\_

How often is church building used? \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Apportionments last year \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Apportionments paid last year \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of Conference Apportionments budgeted this year \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH BUDGETING**

A. What was the church's budget for the past year? \_\_\_\_\_

B. How was it raised? \_\_\_\_\_

C. Please attach a copy of your current year's budget.

D. Please attach a copy of last year's budget and annual audit.

**PROJECT PROPOSAL**

On additional pages, please describe the project, the project's budget, its purpose, how it is a new mission in your area, who it will minister to, and how it will be funded in the future.

Proposed date for mission start \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL CHURCH'S PLAN FOR FINANCING THE PROJECT**

(If the request involves more than one church, list information from each church. Use additional pages if needed. Please fill in all blanks that apply to your mission project. You may use additional pages for explanation if needed.)

Total cost \_\_\_\_\_

Cash on hand \_\_\_\_\_

Cash you plan to raise by completion of project \_\_\_\_\_

Have applications been filed for other grants for the project? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Pledges on hand \_\_\_\_\_

Funds received from other sources \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from the Belin Trust \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from other funding sources for this project (Please be specific.)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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### Certificate of Approval

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD/CHURCH COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

We, the Administrative Board/Church Council of \_\_\_\_\_  
United Methodist Church, request a grant of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the above named mission.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Minister

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Mission Area

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Administrative Board/Church Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

#### DISTRICT CERTIFICATION

We certify that this is an approved project of the \_\_\_\_\_  
District, having been reviewed by the District Connectional Ministries Table.

Date approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of District Connectional Ministries Table

#### TO BE FILLED OUT BY BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE BELIN FUND

We certify that this project was carefully considered at the Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Missions on \_\_\_\_\_  
and this mission project:

was approved \_\_\_\_\_. was not approved \_\_\_\_\_.

*(If approved)*

\$\_\_\_\_\_ was approved for the project.

The Conference Board of Global Ministries meeting on \_\_\_\_\_ approved \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Missions

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Missions