

## BURGE TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Gospel imperative as found in Matthew 25:34-36 commands: "Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world. I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.'" The benevolent gift of the Clayne M. Burge Trust Fund to the Ohio Valley District (the successor district to the Steubenville District) provides a unique opportunity to carry out the Gospel imperative. Once a year grants from the trust fund earnings are to be awarded to churches and groups who offer creative proposals to extend the ministry and mission of Christ.

Process for administration of funds:

- a. Requests for funds shall be made to the Strategy/ Missions/ Ministries Committee **by January 15** of each year.
- b. The Strategy/ Missions/ Ministries Committee, **at its January meeting**, will receive requests from local United Methodist Churches, district committees/task groups or ecumenical agencies having United Methodist participation and accountability.
- c. The Strategy/ Missions/ Ministries Committee will approve and implement recommendations.
- d. If submitted proposals are judged worthy by the Strategy/ Missions/ Ministries Committee at least 75% of the monies will be disbursed by the end of each year. Any funds held over from a previous year are to be disbursed within a three year time period.
- e. The Chairperson of the Strategy/ Missions/ Ministries Committee shall report the dispersal of funds to the District Conference.

Funds received from the Estate of Clayne M. Burge shall be disbursed using the following guidelines to help in the decision making process.

- a. That ministry should have priority, and equipment and facilities improvement should be considered only as they enable new ministries and outreach programs.
- b. That funds distributed should be seed money for programs and ministries.
- c. That monies should be used to fund those ministries that a local church or group is not able to accomplish by means of its own resources.
- d. That priority should be given to projects that benefit the greatest number of churches and/or individuals.
- e. That priority should be given groups or churches which have not previously received funds from the estate except where results from previous grants may be enhanced by additional funding.

**CLAYNE M. BURGE TRUST FUND**  
**Application for Funding**

**CHURCH** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHARGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested \$** \_\_\_\_\_ (Total amount available for all grants combined will not exceed \$9,000)

Person/Group submitting this request \_\_\_\_\_

1. For what purpose shall these funds be used? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How does this request fit into the guidelines enclosed with this application? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. When will the funds be needed? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the total cost of the project? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is already on hand? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How much will be raised by the local church? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How much, if any, will be borrowed? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other funds are being sought for this project? \_\_\_\_\_

This application was prepared by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_