

UCC New Ministry Matching Fund Grant Report 2016

Beginning January 1, 2016 - the United Church of Christ awarded Sanctuary UCC a \$40,000 matching grant for Church Development to be distributed as follows:

- a. \$10,000 in initial funding
- b. Up to \$30,000 in matching funding for \$15,000 of increased or new funding for the congregation during the time of the grant.
- d. Funding will begin January 2016 and end June 2017.

Due to the new funds raised in 2016 by Lakota YouthStay and the Arts and Inspiration Program we were able to retire the eighteen-month grant requirements within twelve-months and have received the final payment for the grant in January 2017.

The Award Letter

December 30, 2015

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade
Sanctuary UCC (Congregational Church of West Medford)
458 High Street, Medford, MA 02155

Dear Rev. Olapade,

Congratulations on receiving a New Congregation Matching Fund Grant Covenant in the United Church of Christ.

We are pleased to send this covenant form to Sanctuary UCC Medford MA and the Massachusetts Conference for up to \$40,000.00. Please sign and return this covenant as soon as possible. Future funding is dependent on receiving the covenant.

You are encouraged to post your ministry as a crowd source funding project on www.WoodToTheFire.org . In preparation for doing so in the New Year we encourage that you watch these videos by Rob Leveridge about preparing for crowd source funding.

[Crowdsourcing Funding for Ministry, Part 1 https://vimeo.com/133618456](https://vimeo.com/133618456)

[Crowdsourcing Funding for Ministry, Part 2 https://vimeo.com/133679088](https://vimeo.com/133679088)

[Crowdsourcing Funding for Ministry, Part 3 https://vimeo.com/133578975](https://vimeo.com/133578975)

And this first webinar about the website. <https://vimeo.com/129547636>

You can contact the Center for Progressive Renewal at Toll Free 888.249.8244 or on their website for more information on posting your project.

We work with the Center for Progressive Renewal (CPR) to place funded pastors in the *CoachShare Program* and to begin using the *ChurchTrack Program*. See the details in the enclosed covenant. For more information, contact the Center at (888) 249-8244.

Please return your signed covenant* to: United Church of Christ/LCM/CASA
700 Prospect Avenue E; Cleveland, Ohio 44115; Attn: Karen Koza

Faithfully yours,


DAVID SCHOEN

United Church of Christ/Local Church Ministries/Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement

cc: J. Bennett Guess, LCM Executive Minister
Jim Antal, Massachusetts Conference Minister

* Note: The Conference has received a copy of this covenant. It is not necessary to forward this to the Conference.

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