New and Emerging Justice-Oriented Ministries Grant

APPLICATION

Name of Church _____

City_____ State_____

Conference _____District_____

Jurisdiction _____

Average Worship Attendance _____

Contact Person _____

Home Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number_____

Please give a description of the justice-oriented ministry that your church has developed within the last 6 months, or would like to develop, in response to needs in your community. We ask that you include information on the persons you hope to serve and tell us how you will determine later if you have met your goal. Pictures of the program are welcome but it is important that all persons shown have given permission to be photographed either by their own acknowledgement or by their parents or guardian, depending on age. Program costs should also be listed.

Person submitting application _____

Pastor's signature _____

District Superintendent signature _____

Date of Application _____

Completed applications may be sent by email to Gayle Lesure January 20, 2026, or by ground mail to the address below and postmarked by January 20, 2026 . Grant recipients will be notified by February 20, 2026.

Gayle Lesure

294Maple St

East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Phone: 304-672-4204

Email: deaconess.gayle.88@gmail.com

Please Note: If assistance is needed in completing this application, please contact Gayle at the above email, phone number or postal address.

United Methodist Rural Advocates
New or Emerging Justice-Oriented Ministries Grant

The United Methodist Rural Advocates are offering (6) $750 New or Emerging Justice Oriented Ministries grants to United Methodist rural, or town and country churches. Interested persons are asked to submit an application that describes either a new or existing (started within the last 6 months), justice-oriented ministry with the marginalized.

Applications will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee. All are welcome to apply.

Each church chosen will receive a certificate from UMRA and will be asked to share a brief description of their program in one of our upcoming newsletters. There may also be an invitation to participate in a webinar sponsored by UMRA to share what you are doing with others who would like to do something similar in their areas.

Attached is the application for these awards. Please complete and return it to the person indicated on the application by January 20, 2026. Recipients of the grants will be notified by February 20, 2026.