

Southwest Association (SWA)
Michigan Conference—United Church of Christ
JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY GRANT APPLICATION

(Please read grant criteria included before completing this form)

Submit completed form to Southwest Association Council for consideration

Attach additional sheets if needed.

Date of Request: _____

Name of Church: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

NAME OF PROGRAM, ACTION, OR EVENT FOR FUNDS REQUEST:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, ACTION, OR EVENT:

GOALS OF PROGRAM, ACTION, OR EVENT:

IS THIS A FIRST TIME REQUEST?

AMOUNT OF REQUEST (Please attach a proposed budget):

WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING WILL BE USED (if any):

Date received:

Date considered:

Amount granted:

Procedures and Criteria for SWA Justice and Advocacy Grants

Grants shall be awarded on an ongoing basis by the SWA Council as funds are available. Application forms can be downloaded from the Association website (swamiucc.org). Completed forms should be submitted to an Association Council representative.

Justice and Advocacy Grants will be reviewed and awarded by the Association Council based on the following criteria:

- Proposals for new grant applicants will be given priority over repeated requests from the same church.
- Proposals should be designed to address the persistent and systemic injustices of our culture (e.g. racism, misogyny, homophobia, police violence, income inequality, environmental justice, etc.) Possibilities include:
 - Anti-racism trainings
 - Teach-ins
 - Lectures
 - Local or regional advocacy efforts
 - Nonviolent demonstrations
 - Arts events such as plays, concerts, creating public art such as murals
- Proposals involving collaboration between SWA congregations will be given priority over proposals that do not involve collaboration.
- Proposals involving collaboration between an SWA congregation and another community organization will be given priority over proposals that do not involve collaboration.
- Proposals that seek to engage or influence people beyond the walls of a church will be given priority over proposals designed solely for internal participation.

Each grant recipient shall make a presentation up to 10 minutes long at a subsequent SWA meeting to describe and celebrate what was accomplished with the grant.

Presentations may include visual displays, video, and storytelling and should cover:

- What was the issue being addressed?
- How did the grant address that issue?
- What was learned, changed, or affected by the action funded by the grant?
- What did you learn that might be helpful to share with other congregations?
- What might be additional steps toward righting the injustice the grant was meant to address?