SONKA
Church Development/Ministry Enrichment Grant Guidelines and Procedures
September 15, 2015

SONKA has grant monies available to member churches and other affiliated ministries in the local setting for the purpose of church development/ministry enrichment.

Ministry Enrichment/Church Development Grant Mission Statement

Ministry Enrichment/Church Development Grants shall facilitate and encourage SONKA member congregations and other affiliated ministries to take risks with new and innovative ministries and church development ideas.

Grant Criteria

Grants of up to $5,000 will be considered. Grants will be subject to the following criteria:

- The monies will be used to fund new and innovative ministry ideas which the requesting party, absent outside funding, might not otherwise be willing to consider. The ministry idea should be considered a risk-taking venture for the church or church group making the request;
- It does not matter if the project or ministry idea is already established at another church, the request will be eligible for consideration so long as the idea is new and innovative for the requesting party;
- Fund requests which seek to underwrite pre-established operations or ministries will be disfavored, unless the grant monies are requested specifically to support some new and innovative capability or approach to the existing ministry or program;
- The beneficiary ministry should embrace principles of inclusivity and extravagant hospitality;
- The beneficiary ministry should have a plan of sustainability and measurable goals that define success;
- The beneficiary ministry must have a core group of active volunteers in place;
- The applicant must show either: (1) that additional funding has already been secured from church members or other sources; or (2) that it has an outside funding goal and a plan in place to reach it;
- Grant availability may be limited by funding availability and the volume of requests. If approved, grant awards may be different from the amount requested.

Grant Application Procedures

1. Written application submitted by requesting party to SONKA Association Minister;
2. Task Force meets to review the grant request;
3. Task Force makes a recommendation to Ministry Council;
4. Ministry Council vote; and
5. Notification of Requesting Party.

Grant requests may take 90 to 120 days to process.
Ministry Enrichment/Church Development Grant Application
Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association – UCC

Please answer all questions. Kindly use the reverse side of this form or attach additional pages if necessary.

Name of requesting church or organization: _______________________________________________

Tax ID Number: ______________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________ City: _________________ State: ________ Zip Code: __________

Primary Contact Name: __________________________ Contact’s Phone: ______________

Contact’s Email Address: ___________________________

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1. The amount of your request: ___________________. Please attach a copy of the budget for the project.

2. Please give a brief description of the church, group, or organization making this request. Please attach your written mission statement, if available.

3. Please describe in detail the project, program or idea for which you are seeking funding. Please explain the goal(s) of the project and how the project, program or idea is new and innovative from your perspective.

4. Have you raised funds from other sources for the project? If so, how much? If not, please describe in detail your plans for outside fundraising.

5. Please state whether you have identified volunteers who will be responsible for leading, staffing or otherwise supporting the project.

6. How will you measure whether the project, program or idea is successful? What will success look like from your perspective?

Please submit this application and supporting documents to the SONKA office at Wildap@sonkaucc.org or mail it to 1137 Lyons Road #D Centerville, OH 45458.