

GUIDELINES FOR RECONCILIATION PROJECTS
CENTRAL AREA OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

OBJECTIVE: The Reconciliation objective of the Central Area is to find solutions to the problems related to race and poverty concerns in our Area.

PURPOSE: The Central Area Church and Society Committee seeks to:

1. Interpret Reconciliation to members of church and community as a meaningful expression of love, spiritual health and redemptive mission.
2. Encourage the collection of an annual Reconciliation offering the last Sunday of each September by Central Area congregations.
3. Disburse Area Reconciliation funds according to guidelines stated herein by receiving proposals from congregations and institutions, recommending projects to the Executive Committee for funding approval.

GUIDELINES:

1. No grants will be made to organizations committed to violence to achieve their purposes.
2. Grants from the Reconciliation fund may be made for:
 - a. national or multi-regional programs
 - b. programs related to Black or Hispanic congregations
 - c. experimental programs which, if successful, could be used in other situations

- d. local, area or regional programs where there are insufficient funds available for funding
3. Grants from the Central Area Reconciliation fund are for projects within the Area which are sponsored or advocated by at least one member congregation.

PRIORITIES IN MAKING GRANTS:

1. Will this project communicate the love of God through Jesus Christ as expressed by His Church?
2. Does it strike at the root cause of poverty and racial discrimination?
3. Does it seek to have significant importance to racial minority congregations of the Christian Church?
4. Does it seek to overcome the injustices which racial minority and the poor face?
5. Does it seek to achieve empowerment of people serving groups and develop persons?
6. These funds will not normally be given for capital expenditures or for business ventures.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Projects will not be considered until the proper application form has been submitted.
2. Applications should be submitted by November 1 for consideration and proper investigation.

3. Central Area Reconciliation forms may be obtained from the:

Website www.central-area.org – Area Resources

E-mail cea@ccsw.org

Phone 325.676.5796

Central Area office, 1420 North Third, Abilene, TX 79601

RECONCILIATION APPLICATION FORM

For the Central Area of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

NAME OF PROJECT

Name of contact person _____ Position

Address:

Telephone(s):

GROUP SUBMITTING PROPOSAL:

Name:

Address:

Telephone(s):

GIVE A SHORT SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF THIS PROPOSAL:

GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

(Origin, general purpose, secular, ecumenical or denominational relationships)

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If you need more space for any of your answers, please attach additional sheets and accompany with documentation.

DEFINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICY MAKING BOARD:

(Representation of race and constituency served)

LIST THE MEASURABLE GOALS FOR THIS PROJECT:

DESCRIBE THE STRATEGIES FOR REALIZING THESE GOALS:

HOW WILL YOU DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT?

LIST RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

(Physical, personnel, financial, etc.)

DESCRIBE ANY PLANS YOU HAVE FOR CONTINUING THIS PROJECT BEYOND THE
LIFE OF THIS GRANT:

PLEASE ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- _ Last year's budget and financial report, indicating sources of income
- _ Current budget
- _ Sources for anticipated income - please distinguish between income firmly committed and income requested but not committed.

GRANT REQUEST AMOUNT \$ _____ FOR FISCAL YEAR

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS ENDORSING PROJECT:

Please attach any additional information which will help the committee decide on funding possibilities.

Date _____ Submitted by

Name

Position

Return to: RECONCILIATION, Central Area of the Christian Church,
1420 North Third, Abilene, TX 79601

Deadline: November 1