

Presbytery of Arkansas  
The Mission of the Church Committee

**GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING FROM THE UNIFIED MISSION EMPHASIS BUDGET**



1. The purpose of funding from the Unified Mission Emphasis portion of the Mission of the Church Committee's budget is to assist congregations and ministries of the Presbytery of Arkansas in proclaiming the love of Christ beyond their walls; efforts that extend the power of congregations and ministries to serve the most vulnerable in our society are particularly welcome.
2. A request to the Mission of the Church Ministry Area should include a written proposal, no longer than two pages, detailing:
  - a. the need or needs the Session or Ministry wants to address and the amount of funding requested;
  - b. a brief description of the goals of the project and how the funds requested will be used;
  - c. total estimated costs, and other sources of funding that are committed or have been applied for;
  - d. a copy of the budget for the project;
  - e. Session or Ministry- designated contact for the project, including name, address, telephone number and email address,
  - f. the date the Session or Ministry approved the request,
  - g. name of Treasurer or other administrative official to whose attention the check should be sent.
3. The Committee's budget is limited, and requests of more than \$1,000 are generally not approved. However, there may be occasions when a larger amount could be granted:
  - a. if the applicant can make a case for it, and
  - b. if they have made a good-faith effort to secure other funds but are still short of their goal.
4. The Mission of the Church Committee will give priority to requests where:
  - a. the applicant is addressing this need with their own gift or gifts;
  - b. other sources of funding have been secured or are being sought.
5. Please note that part of the mission of the Future of the Church Committee is to "Assist churches to re-develop their mission and ministry" and to "Assist congregations seeking funding or grants" to help in that process. The mission of that Committee and this one are somewhat similar but are not the same, and it may be that a request to that ministry area would be more appropriate.
6. The Mission of the Church Committee will act on requests as soon as possible after receiving them, *and will respond to their request* within 30 days.

7. Send applications to Mary Shaw, Moderator of Mission Committee, AR Presbytery.

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