

# Black Leadership Projects Grant



Sponsored by African American Congregational Nurture — A ministry of Disciples Home Missions, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## About the Black Leadership Projects Grant

The Black Leadership Project was created in 1970 by the United Christian Missionary Society. Funding is provided by interest income from a bequest of the sale of Mount Beulah Farm. Funds are granted to applicants whose projects *develop, nurture, and strengthen church leadership in African American congregations* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Project Guidelines

A *project*, for the purpose of awarding this grant, will be defined as an *event, activity, or resource that develops, nurtures, and strengthens lay and/or clergy leadership of the African American congregations* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). To be considered, applications must *clearly* relate the proposed project to one or more of the following project categories:

**Leadership in Congregational Life** – To provide educational opportunities and/or training for leaders within the congregation such as teachers, officers, committee chairpersons, constituency groups, etc.

**Leadership in Outreach Ministries** – To provide development opportunities for congregational leaders to serve the community in mission, locally and globally.

**Faith Development of Leaders** – To prepare and nurture future leaders in the ministry of the Church through spiritual growth opportunities such as retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, and mission trips/experiences.

**Scholarship Support for Leaders** – To assist participants (lay and clergy) in attending particular educational events or programs such as those provided by the Institute for African American Faith and Life of the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). *Note:* Leadership Grant funds may not be used toward an academic degree program (other funds are available for academic training).

**Leadership in African American Programming** – To assure that new and vital ministry continues to be developed and offered to the African American constituency of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Proposals that do not clearly relate to **fostering lay and/or clergy leadership** will be **disqualified**.

## Amount of Grant

All requests will be considered, up to \$5,000. There is no minimum request. An *itemized budget* detailing planned use of funds is required as part of the application.

## Application Deadline

To submit your project for funding consideration, please complete the following application and submit to DHM (either electronically or by mail) no later than **May 31**.

## Timeline for Grants Awarded

**Grant recipients will be chosen in mid-summer.** Recipients can expect to receive their awarded funds by September.

If awarded, **two reports to the committee are required:** One at six months from the award date and a second after one year (or at the conclusion of the project) to be in good standing for future awards, previous grant recipients must be current in submitting their reports.

**For an application, visit [www.discipleshomeissions.org/black-leadership-projects-grant](http://www.discipleshomeissions.org/black-leadership-projects-grant).**