

# 2025 Epworth United Methodist Church Endowment Fund Grant Application

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Epworth United Methodist Church is a diverse congregation united in a commitment to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, community service, and discipleship. Epworth has identified four strategic goals for the period through 2026:

### 1 Make Epworth a Great Place to Worship & Connect

- Reach new people, grow membership
- Sustain growth, build a diverse culture
- Reach & engage young adults & young families
- Develop intergenerational opportunities to include the elderly
- Build relationship among members, be an inclusive body
- Address the needs of a multi-cultural / multi-class congregation

### 2 Deepen Discipleship/ Develop Leadership

- Strengthen Stewardship
- Build a path to service & leadership for new members
- Develop leaders to take on more active church roles
- Build Succession planning
- Promote tithing & educate congregation about tithing
- Develop life groups & discipleship

### 3 Strengthen Communications & Outreach

- Develop outreach programs for young families
- Improve marketing & communications strategy
- Develop plans to maintain digital worship
- Build community service, visibility & engagement
- Promote a social justice witness

### 4 Grow Financial Position

- Improve financial base, grow financial stability
- Achieve financial targets
- Promote education about church finances
- Develop fundraising activities & grants strategy
- Develop a financial growth strategy - Operations / Investment / Endowments

Your application should take into account the above information as well as Epworth's public announcements concerning specific endowment fund objectives and distribution guidelines - see also <https://www.epworthunited.org/endowment-grants>.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

1. All applications must have both an Epworth Sponsor and a Grantee. The sponsor and grantee may be the same person in some instances.
2. In order to receive consideration, applications must be received by Epworth by the due date below. Applications received after the due date may be denied.
3. Epworth has no obligation to inform applicants that their application was received subject to any of the errors or omissions listed above.
4. It is the responsibility of the Epworth Sponsor to help assure these rules have been observed.
5. Once submitted, applications cannot be returned.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

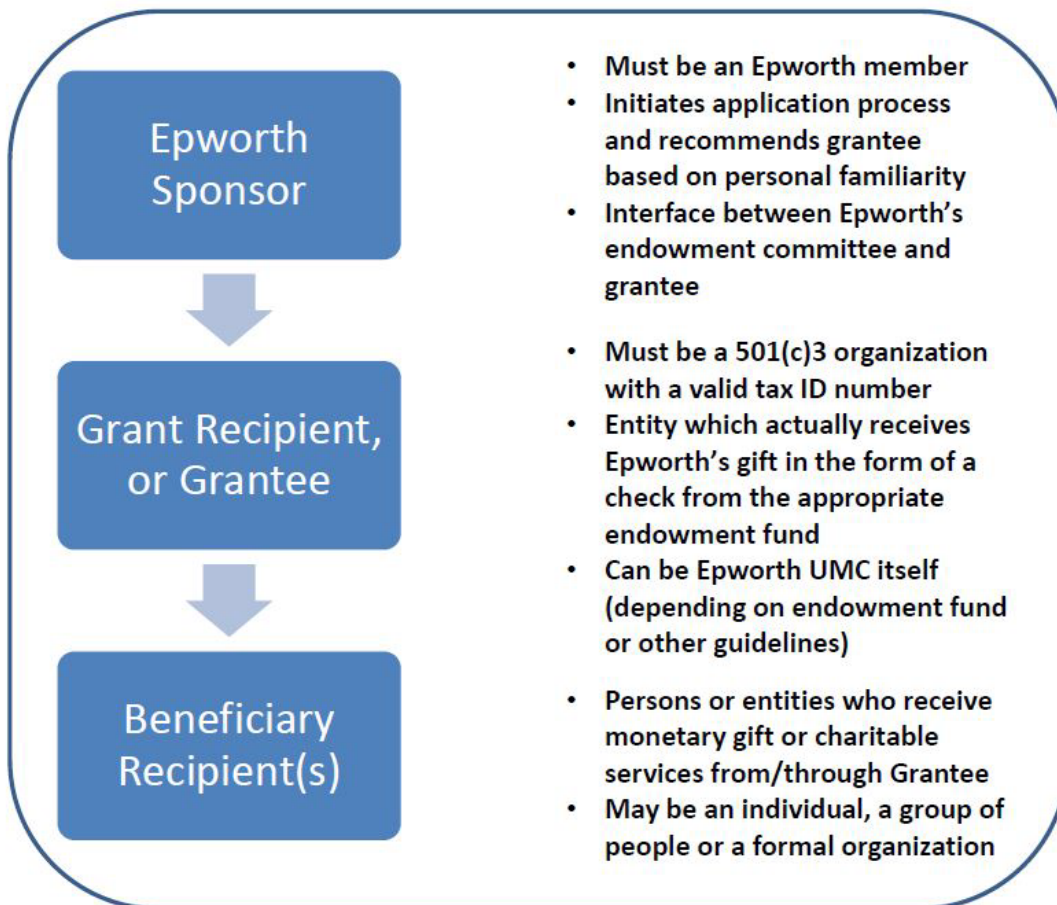
The application process will remain open through September .

## PART I: EPWORTH MEMBER (“GRANTEE SPONSOR”) INFORMATION

Only an Epworth Sponsor can submit an application to the Committee.  
Epworth’s Sponsor should fill in Part I of this application.

### Epworth United Methodist Church Endowment Fund Grant Application (November 2018)

The relationship between the “Epworth Sponsor,” the “Grantee” and “Beneficiary Recipient(s)” is shown in the following figure.



An Epworth Sponsor is any member of Epworth United Methodist Church, and is:

1. responsible for the application to recommend a potential Grant Recipient or Grantee;
2. Epworth’s point of contact with the Grantee for the purposes of the proposed gift;
3. adequately informed with respect to the Grantee’s history, origin, purpose, effectiveness, integrity and past performance;

4. knowledgeable in detail with respect to how the Grantee will put Epworth's distribution to work;
5. accountable to Epworth's congregation in terms of the impact of Epworth's donation to the Grantee;
6. responsible for obtaining a written acknowledgement and report from the Grantee as to how Epworth's donation was actually spent – to be provided to the Committee in a timely manner.

That is to say, Epworth's Sponsor should have a very close, and not an arm's-length, relationship with the proposed Grantee, for example:

1. Do you know the Grantee personally?
2. Have you actually worked with Grantee before for charitable purposes?

## **Sponsor Information**

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Name (First, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What has been your relationship with, and how long have you known, your proposed Grant Recipient?

Please state the purpose for which you are sponsoring this grant and the proposed use of grant funds:

In your own words, why do you believe that Epworth should consider funding this application?

## **Endowment Funds**

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Epworth United Methodist Church considers Endowment Fund Grant Applications for a variety of purposes. The full description of each grant can be found [HERE](#):

### **What does “Inside Epworth” and “Outside of Epworth” Mean?**

Grant money from Epworth’s endowment funds can be for purposes inside (or internal to) Epworth or outside of (or external to) Epworth. Typically, “inside Epworth” means beneficiary recipients are associated directly with Epworth. A grant to help Epworth’s youth or a grant to pay for equipment used by Epworth’s membership, are examples of grants inside Epworth. “Outside of Epworth” consists of everything which is not inside Epworth. Note, however, that Epworth may be a Grant Recipient without Beneficiary Recipients being directly associated with

Epworth - for example, a grant is given to Epworth to be used for a particular mission in Zimbabwe. "Local" as used herein means geographically "within 10 miles of Epworth.

**For which endowment Fund are you applying?**

Please check only one Endowment Fund per application.

A brief description of each endowment fund is included. The total amount available for this grant period is included at the end of each option.

- The Louise Fetzer General Endowment: \$20,541
- The Reverend Gerard and Rita Green Family Endowment for Global Missions: Christian cause or mission OUTSIDE Epworth (Local, National, or International) - \$ 3,193
- The Mary Owens Parish Nurse Endowment: Local Mission focused on health and wellness- \$1,300.00
- Reverend Jen Fenner and Edgard Téllez Family Endowment: For Immigrant, Racial, and Environmental Justice - \$900
- The Nada Schnabel Spirit of Service Endowment: \$406
- The Jim Bleadingheiser Trustee Bldg Maintenance Endowment : (Epworth Trustees ONLY) - \$1,421
- The Derek and Linda Harps Community Outreach Endowment: Local outreach to our community- \$2,500.00

Amount Requested by Epworth Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of Epworth and agree to fulfill my role as Epworth's Sponsor as set forth in the instructions attached hereto.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **PART II: PROPOSED GRANT RECIPIENT INFORMATION & PROPOSED PROJECT**

The potential grant recipient (Grantee) should fill out Parts II and III of the application. (In some cases, Epworth United Methodist Church may be the Grantee.)

The Grantee must be a charitable non-profit 501(c)3 corporation with a legal tax ID. Epworth's endowment funds are intended to create meaningful Godly impact and cannot be used to fund for-profit businesses or political groups.

The Grantee's legal name should be the name which can be used to make an award from Epworth in the form of a check payable to that name.

Grantee's address should be the legal address of Grantee and the place which can receive correspondence from Epworth, including receipt of a check by U.S. Mail or by courier.

Grantee must provide a legally authorized signature in order to submit a grant request.

Legal Name of Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Title (First, Last & Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee's Executive Director (First, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Grantee: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grantee's 501(c)3 Tax ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## Proposed Project

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Explain your relationship with Epworth or Epworth members to date, if any:

Please state the purpose for this grant request and the proposed use of grant funds.

In your own words, why should Epworth consider your grant?



If awarded, please explain how and where our funds will be expended and over what period of time:

At the conclusion of this project, please explain how success can be measured:

Please describe your established mission and reputation:

Do you have a stable financial and mission track record? Please explain:

Explain how your project furthers the mission of Epworth United Methodist Church:

Please explain why you think your project fits with Epworth's vision and goals, its activities and outreach ministries:

Explain why your project has a high probability of success:

Explain how your requested use of funds is consistent with the mission of your organization:

Explain how human, spiritual or social needs will be addressed by your request:

Does your request address a vital need of the community you serve? If so, explain:

Does your project fill a void in services or complement or collaborate with similar services? If so, explain:

Why do you think your project is unique, innovative or otherwise groundbreaking?

Explain whether your project will be completed within one year or within a reasonable timeframe:

Why will your project have a high impact on the community served?

Are you willing to make a presentation to Epworth United Methodist Church at one of its Sunday Services to describe your intended project and/or report on its success?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Have you applied for an Epworth grant before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received an Epworth grant before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach additional pertinent information about the Grantee to this application, including organizational structure, financial information and annual budget, past accomplishments and successes, etc.

### **PART III: PROPOSED GRANT RECIPIENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CERTIFICATION**

I certify, as the potential Grant Recipient or Grantee, that the information provided herein on my behalf is correct and true.

I acknowledge that Epworth is under no obligation to make a grant to anyone, that the Endowment Committee's (Committee) consideration of my application and its ultimate decision is discretionary and that my application may be denied, in whole or in part for any reason.

Should Grantee accept an award, Grantee agrees to comply with and to abide by any restrictions, conditions or stipulations established by the Committee in connection with its award.

Grantee agrees to be solely responsible for any tax consequences resulting from a grant from the Endowment Fund, and Grantee shall indemnify and hold the Epworth United Methodist Church and the Committee harmless from any and all liabilities, financial or otherwise, arising or alleged to arise out of a grant award.

Grantee agrees to submit a written report by hard copy or EMAIL to Grantee's Epworth Sponsor summarizing Grantee's project, its results and impact.

Authorized Grantee's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Grantee's Printed Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Epworth shall have no obligation to continue to fund a project now or in the future even if it has funded that project in the past.

The Committee reserves the right to contact any Epworth Sponsor or proposed Grant Recipient for clarification as needed.

To contact the Committee with questions, direct your inquiry by email to [mehwishejaz@hotmail.com](mailto:mehwishejaz@hotmail.com) and include EPWORTH UMC ENDOWMENT in the title.