



## **GIFTS FROM THE HEART (GFTH) MISSION GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

It is the mission of the Nebraska United Methodist Foundation (“Foundation”) to be a catalyst that strengthens existing mission ministries and supports and develops innovative mission ministries meeting the needs of a diverse and rapidly changing society. The GFTH Mission Grant is available to Nebraska United Methodist churches who are planning mission trips.

Mission trip work may be located locally, nationally or internationally with a focus on global health, including but not limited to medical needs, or disaster and recovery efforts. The mission trip work is deemed to be of a beneficial nature to the larger community and is an integral part of a long-range plan for growth and outreach.

Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. Grant applications must be received no later than **March 31<sup>st</sup>** to be considered for a grant to be awarded for a mission trip occurring during the course of the following year (12 months).

In the case of a mission trip for disaster and recovery efforts, if an emergency grant is needed, the Foundation staff members, in consultation with the Stewardship Committee, have the right to award a grant in extenuating circumstances immediately.

A grant is not guaranteed. Grants approved by the Foundation’s Stewardship Committee are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The Foundation reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any grant application that it deems to be incomplete or not in accordance with the mission and policies set forth by the Foundation. The decision of the Board of Directors of the Foundation regarding all awards shall be final.

For additional information, please contact Sharon Schmidt, Director of Stewardship, at 402-323-8841 or email at [sschmidt@numf.org](mailto:sschmidt@numf.org).



## GFTH Mission Grant Application

Please fill out the entire application completely. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing application: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Mission Trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Location of Mission Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Mission Trip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mission Trip Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this the first mission trip for your church?  Yes  No If no, please list other church mission trips:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many adults and/or youth are attending? Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Have any of these individuals participated in other mission trips? \_\_\_\_\_

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Total cost of the mission trip: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount you are requesting from this grant: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How will grant funds be used? (travel, room & board, food, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any other sources of financial support? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does your mission relate to the Great Plains United Methodist Conference? Please explain.

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

**Pastor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Application Deadline: **March 31<sup>st</sup>**

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