

The United Methodist Church, Southeastern Jurisdiction

THE RENFRO TRUST FUND

Application Form

- Read attached Renfro Trust Fund Guidelines before completing form.
- All information, except signatures, must be typed or printed.
- Local churches are to complete all sections through Part I (pages 1-3) including signatures and then send the completed application to the Conference Secretary of Global Ministries (CSGM) or Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM) at their Conference Office or Office of Missions.
- The CSGM or DCM is to complete Part II (page4) and submit approved applications by the deadline to SEJ CSGMs for review and consideration by Renfro Trust Review Committee.

PART I

We, the undersigned, for the Trustees of \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church, in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ District, \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference, being authorized by the Charge Conference on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), do apply for a Grant in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of (be specific):

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**GENERAL CHURCH INFORMATION**

Year church was organized: \_\_\_\_\_. Average attendance at worship: \_\_\_\_\_.

Present membership: \_\_\_\_\_. Church school enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_.

Average attendance at Church school: \_\_\_\_\_.

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How diverse or inclusive is your congregation when it comes to age, gender, racial background, and socio-economic status? \_\_\_\_\_

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How will the project for which you are requesting funding impact the mission and outreach programs of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Other than this project, recent major expenditures and related incurred debt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Cash on hand: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Existing Mortgage: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pledges made on building: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building fund balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other improvements: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ What is the total estimate of this project?: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your church's contribution toward this project: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will this donation, if granted, complete your project?  Yes  No

If not, how will additional funds be provided? \_\_\_\_\_

Support for this project from: Conference: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ District: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FIELD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH**

Our church type is a  station church;  circuit consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ churches in the \_\_\_\_\_ charge.

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

The estimated population of our town/city is \_\_\_\_\_, or the population of the nearest town/city is \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ miles away. The closest United Methodist church to our location is \_\_\_\_\_ UMC, which is \_\_\_\_\_ miles away.

A recent survey of our local community  has  has not been made. The dimensions of our church lot are \_\_\_\_\_ and it cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The present estimated value of the property is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

**PRESENT STATUS OF BUILDING PROJECT**

- Early stage of planning                       Preliminary sketches prepared by an architect
- Architectural and financial plans approved by District Committee on church location
- Detailed drawing completed by an architect
- Building is under construction and expected date of completion is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Building is ready for use.

**CERTIFICATION BY PASTOR, CHURCH BOARD AND DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

We hereby certify that we have examined the statements given in this application and they are correct. The District Board of Church Location and Building has approved the project, and we recommend a grant of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ be considered.

**Pastor** (please print name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Chair of Church Council or Board** (please print name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**District Superintendent** (please print name): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PART II

**CERTIFICATION OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES/MISSIONS**  
**(or other conference body duly authorized to certify)**

At a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Conference, duly convened on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2\_\_\_\_, the foregoing application for a grant from the Renfro Trust Fund was carefully examined and it is recommended that a grant of \$\_\_\_\_\_ be considered. This project is ranked # \_\_\_\_\_ on the conference priority list.

**Conference Secretary of Global Ministries/Missions**

Name *(please print name)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Note – DCM signature only required in place of a Secretary of Global Ministries/Missions.**

**Director of Connectional Ministries**

Name *(please print name)*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Conference send to: **Renfro Trust Fund**  
**c/o Susan Hunt, Renfro Trust Grant Coordinator, CSGMs**  
4719 Woodmere Boulevard  
Montgomery, AL 36106

**Deadline for receipt of completed application by SEJ is September 1 each year.**

(Do not write below- Office use only)

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Received and verified complete by: \_\_\_\_\_