**Micro Grants for Kingdom Reach**

**The Foundation of the Great Lakes Conference**

**2023**

**Purpose**: To stimulate missional outreach and/or reproducing disciple-making in the congregations and agencies of the Great Lakes Conference.

**Strategy**: Provide a maximum $5,000 grant from The Foundation, matched by the congregation or agency.

**Timeframe**: January 1 – December 31, 2023.

**Commitment**: The Foundation has committed $60,000 for 2023 toward these micro-grants.

**Approvals**: The congregation’s governing board must approve submission of the grant, which may be accomplished by electronic means. The Foundation must receive a grant resolution signed both by the congregation and The Foundation before expenses related to the grant are incurred and the grant proceeds are released. Applications must be received in The Foundation office not later than **December 10, 2023**. Multiple grants, not to exceed $5,000 each, may be submitted by the same congregation/agency.

**Examples:** Examples of such micro-grants could include:

* taking congregational leaders to a training event
* hiring an intern to learn ministry skills
* elders take a seminary class on leadership development together
* provide financial resources for missional community to reach its target group
* invest in individuals visiting a cross cultural region for the first time
* incubate a strategy to engage in community development
* invest in a local school
* resource local missionaries to apartment complex, trailer park or condo
* host a community study with food for non-churched individuals

**Measure**: The grant application will require the congregation to identify ways that successful completion of the grant will be measured. These measures will be specific and are designed to identify transformational outcomes rather than activities. The final grant report will assess the results of those intended outcomes. For example:

* Number of people being mentored or mentoring and effect on each
* Number of weekly contacts by a community “missionary”
* Outcomes identified by elders as a result of taking a class together
* Number of spiritual conversations growing out of the study with unchurched persons
* Number of first-time visitors to a cross cultural experience and its effect on them

**Renewal**: A renewal grant application may be submitted pending available resources and successful completion of the original grant, including all completed paperwork.

**Reporting**: A final report including return of unused funds must be submitted prior to thirty days following the termination period of the grant. This final report must be submitted before any future grant (in this or any other Foundation program) to the congregation or agency is considered by The Foundation.