

Trinity Conference Church Planting Proposal Form Instructions

The Trinity Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church is accepting proposals for potential new churches. Our intention is to make this a straightforward procedure that provides benefit for church starts while maintaining integrity of process for the Annual Conference.

We recommend the involvement of the area presiding elder and the new church starts committee.

The *Trinity Conference Church Planting Proposal Form* can be found on the conference website and requests information regarding the health and planning of the church start ministry. We aim to direct the funds for a specific ministry or need and desire to understand that ministry's needs.

The grant sizes will be targeted between \$10k and \$30k and can be used for start-up budget items (staffing, rent, equipment, advertising, etc.), but should not be used to cover the primary pastor's costs.

After you fill out and submit the form, the New Church Starts committee will convene and process your request. They will ask for further information if necessary and respond to your request in a timely manner. They schedule monthly meetings.

A condition of the grant is participation in training. The Woodlands Methodist Church is currently offering training for new church starts (available first quarter of 2024). This is recommended for clergy and laity of new church starts. Check with the New Church Starts Committee if you have an alternative training instead.

There will be follow-up information expected by the committee to understand how the funds were used and their effectiveness. This will help secure more funding in the future from the conference. Funding can be requested once a year.

God is with you and your church members. It will be our blessing to help you expand and grow your congregation.

New Church Starts Committee