

Wisconsin Conference Creation Care Grants – Application Form

The Conference Creation Care Team, in response to the Kairos Call to Action, is making grants up to \$1000 available to Wisconsin Conference UCC Congregations that are planning initiatives to deepen their love of creation and positively change their relationship with the environment. These initiatives could address:

- new models for community-based cooperation and ministry,
- environmental and economic justice work,
- theological grounding for your congregation’s response to the climate crisis, and/or
- potential leadership identification and development for guiding the congregation's response.

Additionally, because the Creation Care Team has connected with the Native American communities of Wisconsin, consideration will be given to congregations who use this as an opportunity for multi-cultural literacy and cooperation. These initiatives can be small or large, focused on enhanced efficiencies, consciousness-raising and education, or organizing and advocacy. Because of the far-reaching dimensions of the climate and ensuing economic crisis, priority consideration will be given to initiatives that somehow connect with multiple partners within or beyond communities the congregation serves.

The grant can cover the full amount of the project, or a portion of the project with the church and other sources funding the remaining costs.

Congregations who receive grants will be assigned a member of the Conference Creation Care Team for advice and support through the duration of the project and will be required to make a report at the time of the completion of their project. The report should include photographs, description of what was completed, narrative of how the project is impacting the congregation, who was involved in the project and any learnings that could be shared with other congregations for inspiration and modeling.

Funding for these grants comes from The Wisconsin Conference Catalyst Fund provided by your congregation’s support of Our Churches Wider Mission.

Required Grant Information

Name of church and location: _____

Contact person and information: _____

Address: _____; email: _____; phone: _____

Description of project (include details, attach extra sheets if necessary): _____

Time period for project completion: _____

Amount of grant request: _____; Total project cost: _____

How does this grant address creation care, climate change, environmental justice, resource conservation or education on any of these related topics?(include details, attach extra sheets if necessary):

Does this grant include opportunities to work or share information with the wider community or region? If so, how? (include details, attach extra sheets if necessary):

Is this grant a step in a multi-step or multi-year project? If so, please describe past and future steps:

(include details, attach extra sheets if necessary): _____

Applicant signature: _____ Date _____

Pastor's signature (if not applicant) _____ Date _____

Moderator/Council President: _____ Date _____

Send the completed application to Lisa Hart at the Conference Office, 4459 Gray Rd., DeForest, WI 53532 lhart@wcucc.org