2021 Vitality Award Cover Sheet

Date:

Name/Location of Church:  
Address of Church:

Name of Pastor/Contact Person(s):

Contact Information: Preferred Phone:

Preferred Email:

Population of Community Served:

Church Membership:

Average Worship Attendance:

Please attach proposal details per page 2 of this document.

Request Approved and Commitment to Report to Vital Growth next year made by Church Governing Board:

Date:

Name and Signature:

Submitted by: Date:

Name and Signature: Office held:

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Award Ranking _______ for $___________________ Award Not Approved (Reason):
2021 Vitality Awards Proposal Details

The Vitality awards are offered by the Michigan Conference United Church of Christ through its Vital Growth Mission Area Team (VGMAT). Your church or UCC ministry group can request a grant of up to $5,000 to support your project or ministry. The VGMAT will evaluate all requests and grant either full or partial funding primarily based on your response to the questions below:

A. What is the title or name of your project?

B. Summarize your project
   In a couple of paragraphs, describe an overview of your project, as an executive summary. Your vision, or calling, how it works and why it makes sense.

C. What need or purpose is being addressed?
   What unmet need, or opportunity is being addressed by this project. You may include demographic information from MissionInSite, for example, or other information that demonstrates a compelling need. How well will this project meet that need?

D. What is innovative about your project?
   Describe what is new, innovative, or unique about this project. What other options did you consider? Why was this option the best, or the selected solution or approach? If it’s been done before, what is new about this particular project?

E. How will this project impact church vitality?
   How will this project increase your community vitality, its growth, ministries touches, and its ability to spread the love and teachings of Jesus Christ?

F. Describe your development plan or schedule
   How will you get the job done? What are your goals and are they measurable and realistic? What is your time-line, schedule or step-by-step plan? Assuming you get your grant, what happens when the money is used, does the project end or continue?

G. What is your financial plan?
   How will this funding impact your project? What other funding is being used? Will you use volunteer time to accomplish this project, if so how many people and approximate total hours of volunteer effort is expected? Are there other fund raising planned for this project?

Due Date: September 15, 2021

Please send grant applications to:
Vital Growth Mission Area Team Michigan Conference UCC
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