



Community Developers

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The Community Developers Program has a rich history of advancing the church's capacity to be in mission through partnerships with the communities where they are located. A historically African American program, the Community Developers Program serves all racial/ethnic congregations and communities.

Sites within the Community Developers Program network address community concerns such as lack of affordable housing, health and wellness, school-age academic support, food insecurities, and children and youth development.

Partners in Ministry, located in Laurinburg, NC, focuses on three ministry areas in response to the needs of the local district. Partners in Ministry works in collaboration with local churches and community organizations in the areas of youth and children ministry, housing repair, and resource and referrals to external agencies.

Lincoln Memorial in Buffalo, NY forged a partnership with the Cold Springs neighborhood, adjacent to the church, to create the Sons of David/African Warriors program. The Sons of David program provided academic tutoring, afterschool basketball opportunities, and mentoring to African American males between the ages of 12-18. As a result of the program, program participants experienced an increase in reading and math achievement levels, as well as an improvement in overall grades.

In 2019, Emory Beacon of Light, located in Washington, DC, opened the Beacon Center. The Beacon Center is providing 99 affordable housing units to the community. Within the Beacon Center are spaces for learning, as well as health and wellness. In the future, the Beach Center plans to open a restaurant and employ individuals returning to the community from incarceration.

This quadrennium, the Community Developers Program has awarded over 30 grants, totaling over \$500,000. The grants have supported the salaries of community developers, various site program expansions, site resources, and training opportunities for CDP site staff and boards. It is our prayer the Community Developers Program will continue to expand to continue to make an impact throughout the United States.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Lyles".

Dana Lyles, PhD
Director, US Office on Multicultural Ministries
General Board of Global Ministries

COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS PROGRAM NETWORK

- General Information -

The Community Developers Program (CDP) is a network of racial-ethnic congregations and communities throughout the United States committed to advancing the church's capacity to be in mission in partnership with the communities where they are located. Work includes advocacy, economic development, youth organizing, addressing local needs, creating an awareness of national and international causes and effects.

The Community Developers Program is administered through the General Board of Global Ministries. Other General Board of Global Ministries staff and consultants assist by conducting site visits, carrying out training responsibilities, and in developing and planning strategies for addressing global and national issues.

Salary support for the Community Developers is provided for a period of five years after the initial seed funding for a new community developer site. The cycle funding is as follows (\$10,000 for the 1st three years; \$8,000 for the 4th year and \$6,000 for the final and fifth year of the funding cycle. **THE PROJECT GRANT IS AVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.**

Community Developers are recruited locally by the Pastor and the Local Policy Committee in cooperation with Global Ministries' office for the Community Developers Program. Serious consideration should be given to persons who are committed to the community without regards to church membership or affiliation. **A COPY OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPER MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION.**

- Instructions -

1. Answer all questions as completely as possible in the space provided. **DO NOT** write "SEE ATTACHED" in the place of an answer.
2. You may attach additional information to the completed application form.
3. Complete the Budget Summary and include the anticipated contribution that the Annual Conference will make to the proposed ministry. **IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST AN AMOUNT MATCHING THAT OF THE GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES.**
4. Approval by the Administrative body of the sponsoring United Methodist Church must be indicated by the appropriate signatures.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS PROGRAM NETWORK
GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

PROJECT APPLICATION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

A. Sponsoring United Methodist Church Information

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City / State / Zip _____
Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____
Fax _____ Email _____
Website: _____
Facebook Page _____
Twitter Handle _____
Racial Ethnic Group _____

B. Contact Person

Name _____ Title _____
Mailing Address _____
City / State / Zip _____
Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____
Fax _____ Email _____

C. Conference Representative

Bishop's Name (Printed) _____
Bishop's Signature _____
Annual Conference _____

D. District Representative

District Superintendent Name (Printed) _____
District Superintendent Signature _____
District _____

E. Describe the sponsoring church including membership, racial ethnic composition, age levels and existing programs.

III. RELATIONSHIPS

- A. How will this local program relate to the sponsoring church?
- B. How will this local program relate to secular and ecumenical organizations and agencies?
- C. How will this local program relate to the District and Annual Conference where it is located?
- D. What is the involvement of the community with the sponsoring church?
- E. How will this local program relate to General Conference's Four areas of Focus?
Check all that apply and provide explanation about each involvement.
- _____ Global Health Initiative
- _____ Ministry with the Poor
- _____ Leadership development
- _____ Church growth and development

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A.** Has a Local Policy Committee or Governing Body been established? If so, Please describe.

- B.** Attach a job description of the Community Developer to this application.

- C.** What is the process of evaluation of this local program?

V. BUDGET SUMMARY

- A.** Attach a Budget

B. Please list all anticipated sources on funds and amounts for this project.
(Expenditures and Income should reconcile)

SOURCE	AMOUNT
_____	_____
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TOTAL	_____

VI. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

A. Person Completing Application

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

B. Sponsoring United Methodist Church

Name of Pastor _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

C. Sponsoring United Methodist Church

SPRC Chair Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

D. District Superintendent

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Consultation with Director of Connectional Ministries and Bishop: My signature below confirms that I have reviewed the application and / or that I am otherwise knowledgeable about the project and its current proposal before the General Board of Global Ministries. Furthermore, I have attached to this application any comments I wish to have considered as this proposal is evaluated for possible finding approval through the Community Developers Program of the General Board of Global Ministries (See Paragraph 263 of the 2016 Book of Discipline).

E. Annual Conference - Director of Connectional Ministries or Equivalent

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

F. Annual Conference – Bishop

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

All Completed applications are to be mailed to:

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