

Greater Southwest District 2021 Narrative Budget

The following budget offers a brief narrative for each line item in our 2021 District Budget so that you can see how your Ministry Shares will be used in the Greater Southwest District.

Organizing

Finance Administration **\$ 5000**

Every District in the Michigan Conference is separately incorporated and required to assess, collect and administer District Ministry Shares. This amount was suggested to cover expenses related to that task.

District Administration (supplemental) **\$ 3500**

Continuing Education **\$2500**

Miscellaneous **\$1000**

We provide a continuing education benefit for our District Administrator and the Miscellaneous category covers items that are unexpected or those which do not fit into other categories.

Insurance **\$ 3500**

Beginning in January 2019 all Districts in the Michigan Annual Conference were required to carry their own liability and property insurance. This is our cost for this insurance.

District Committee on Ministry **\$ 2500**

Our District pays the cost for candidates for ministry to attend the Candidacy Summit required by the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. The \$500 cost has proved to be a barrier to some well-qualified candidates.

Mileage Reimbursement (meetings) **\$ 500**

We reimburse our Team members for travel to meetings based on the IRS recommendation for volunteer rate.

ORGANIZING TOTAL **\$15000**

Equipping

Lay Servant Ministry **\$ 1000**

This provides funds for Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, and Certified Lay Minister Training.

Local Church Vibrancy **\$ 7500**

District Training Event **\$2500**

Fresh Expressions Grants **\$5000**

The local church is the arena where the most significant work of disciple-making occurs. The Greater Southwest District is committed to helping local churches do what they do even better. We hope to support that work by providing grants to churches that are seeking to reach new people in new ways and offering training events.

Clergy Formation and Support **\$ 1500**

We hope to foster clergy wellness and lifelong personal, professional and spiritual growth for clergy serving in our churches and extension ministries. Seminars, small group experiences and retreats may be a way of facilitating this growth.

Sustentation Grants**\$ 15000**

These grants provide salary support for pastoral compensation. Churches must have completed Local Church Assessment or a similar redevelopment program in the last 4 years and receive District Superintendent approval in order to qualify for these grants.

Digital Media Consultation**\$ 15000**

In person, onsite consultation for churches seeking to begin or expand their presence online. Our consultant will conduct on site evaluations and make recommendations about equipment options for your setting and offer training in its use.

EQUIPPING TOTAL**\$ 40000****Engaging****Communication, Publicity & Evangelism****\$ 1000**

Connecting local churches to what is happening in the District through effective and timely communication and sharing what's happening in our local congregations through various media outlets.

Events Coordination**\$ 1500**

Caring for all the details related to special events, programs and trainings in the Greater Southwest District

Engage Projects and Priorities**\$ 15000**

Grant monies made available to local churches and related agencies for ongoing outreach efforts such as food banks, training programs, and local ministries focused on meeting human need in the name of Christ. Congregations and affiliated ministries may apply for grants using a process developed by our ENGAGE Priorities and Projects Team. Applications are available on the District website and are reviewed by the ENGAGE Team twice a year.

Youth Mission Program**\$ 1500**

Support and organization for a projected for an all-district youth mission trip experience to serve at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit, MI. This experience is scheduled for summer 2021.

Wesley Foundation**\$ 15000**

Arguably the most significant ministry to young adults in our District. Although Covid-19 has limited the ministry in many ways, vital outreach continues. Your support helps make it possible.

United Methodist Camping**\$ 10000**

These funds are designated for sponsoring specific capital improvement projects at Wesley Woods United Methodist Camp in Dowling, MI.

ENGAGING TOTAL**\$ 44000****2021 BUDGET TOTAL****\$ 99000****2021 DISTRICT MINISTRY SHARES****\$ 99029**