



## RECONCILIATION GRANT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin

Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Committee

401 W. Jefferson St. – Bloomington, Illinois 61701

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### **Brief History**

Racial justice is an issue that appears throughout our history as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). However, the Reconciliation ministry of the church officially began at the General Assembly in 1968 with the approval of Reconciliation: The Urban Emergency Program of the Christian Church. Its mission was to work to dismantle racism in our church and society. Reconciliation was reaffirmed as a permanent ministry of the church in 1972. Our 20/20 Vision, adopted at the 2001 General Assembly in Kansas City, MO, included the mandate for the Disciples to become an Anti-Racist/Pro-Reconciling Church, a phrase that has recently been changed to a Pro-Reconciling/Anti-Racist (PR/AR) Church.

In part, CCIW defines its purpose as “to receive, connect, nurture, and resource Disciples communities in Illinois and Wisconsin for mission, witness, and service as we minister in the name of Jesus locally and build relations globally as PR/ AR Church.” The current vision statement of CCIW calls us to be a radically welcoming region we intentionally invite persons into all manifestations of the church and as we work to identify and dismantle mechanisms of systemic racism in society and the church.

### **The Objective**

The objective of the Reconciliation Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois and Wisconsin is to undergird the National Mission Priority set forth by the General Assembly to become a PR/AR Church. We do so through the work of the PR/AR Team and the PR/AR Committee. Working together, the Committee and Team provide leadership and vision for responding to God’s call to be a fully transformed, anti-racist, multi-cultural church. As members of the Body of Christ, we claim an anti-racist identity that empowers, heals, and makes whole.

### **The PR/AR Committee**

The PR/AR Committee serves as part of this ministry with clear roles and functions. In particular, the Purpose of the CCIW Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Committee is to:

- a) Present yearly to the Regional Church Council the plans, activities and reports of the Committee and Team.
- b) Communicate the vision and goals of the region’s ministry in creative and compelling ways to CCIW congregations and groups.
- c) Promote the annual Reconciliation Offering within the congregations of the Region.
- d) Award a yearly discretionary grant to the Team from the Reconciliation funds to carry out its program.
- e) Solicit, receive, administer and award the annual Reconciliation grants in accordance with the guidelines.
- f) Participate annually in the anti-racism training selected by the Team.

## **GRANT FOCUS**

In order to answer God's call and further the vision of becoming a fully transformed and anti-racist, multi-cultural church. CCIW's PR/AR Team will award grants to congregations and ministries of CCIW:

- Innovative and creative programs aimed at fostering healthy conversations on racism in the a community;
- Projects aimed at empowering and serving marginalized communities;
- Projects aimed at organizing for human rights and full inclusion of persons of all ethnicities in the beloved community.

Grants may not be used for facility upkeep or improvement projects or equipment expenses. It may not be used for salaries of staff whose duties are primarily aimed at other tasks.



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Please mail a copy or email a copy of the following application to the Regional Office. Please address to the attention of the PR/AR Committee. Grants will be distributed quarterly in January, April, July and October.

**Name of Organization:**

**Associated Congregation:**

**City**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Contact Name/Title**

**Projected Budget for Ministry**

**Grant Request**

Provide a narrative that answers the following:

**1. THE PROPOSED PROJECT/PROGRAM**

- What are the key elements and/or activities of the proposed project/program?
- Why are you proposing this project/program? What, if any, current or long-term issues specific to your community does the project/ program address?

**2. PROJECT/PROGRAM PLAN**

- Provide a timeline (key steps to be taken, when they will occur; who will do them) for implementing this project/program..
- List any organizations or churches that you will be collaborating with while implementing this project/program.

**3. EVALUATION**

- What steps will you take to evaluate this specific project/program?
- How will you know that the project/program has been successful?

**The average grant will be between \$1000 and \$2000.**

**At the conclusion of the calendar year in which you receive your grant or prior to the biannual Regional Assembly, whichever occurs first, you are asked to submit a one page narrative report on your ministry. You may be asked to present this ministry as part of Regional Assembly.**