The Facing the Challenges Fund Committee of the Detroit Baptist Union has established the following grant program:

**GRANT AMOUNTS:** In response to the challenges faced by leaders in our Metro Detroit Association churches, as well as churches and organizations within the American Baptist Churches of Michigan, the Detroit Baptist Union has again set aside funds this year and is offering grants to pastors and laity of up to $2,000 per person (maximum of $6,000 per church/organization) to attend training events that will address situations particular to their church’s needs.

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications are available at the MDA / DBU Annual Meeting, can be downloaded from **www.detroitbaptistunion.org**, or may be requested from DBU. Application guidelines are detailed on this page. In past years, grants were awarded to churches to send lay leaders and clergy to training events and workshops that addressed identified needs within their particular setting. In general, training events such as college classes for credit and denominational conventions do not meet the criteria for these grants. However, prorated grants to attend training courses offered at conventions will be considered on a case by case basis.

**USE OF GRANTS:** Grants may be used for conference fees, travel expenses, housing and food. An itemized list of the expenses is requested.

**GRANT REQUIREMENTS:** The church submitting the application must have participated financially in the American Baptist Mission support with regular contributions to the total American Baptist Mission support during the prior calendar year and, for MDA-ABC churches, had a representative at the most recent MDA / DBU Annual Meeting.

**REPORTING OF RESULTS:** When applying for a grant, please remember that there is the responsibility to complete the following:

1. Within two weeks, participants must submit a brief synopsis of the event and an accounting of the actual expenses.

2. Six months after the event, an evaluation paper is due that describes how the training event affected the identified need in the church.

**If these reports are not completed, future grants to that church will not be considered.**

**TIMING:** Grant applications must be received at least 30 days before funds are needed. Funds will not be approved for events already held or being held within 30 days of receiving the grant application.

**QUESTIONS:** Questions regarding this year’s grant program may be directed to:

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