The Mission Priority Board (MPB) announces its 2024 - 25 Matching Grant Initiative to support local mission partners and increase their fundraising and organizational capacity. Grants up to $3,000 in matching funds are available for SONKA UCC church-connected efforts to benefit direct service hunger and homelessness ministries; inter-faith advocacy; children and youth engagement efforts; affirming ministries; local justice and peace efforts; and UCC church facilities providing direct service.

If you are involved in a program which you passionately believe could benefit from MPB support, we encourage you to participate in this pilot matching grant opportunity. The Mission Priority Board’s hope is that generous giving will follow the works and passion of our congregations.

 The MPB is committed to making sure this process

* helps local congregations and ministries undertake a fundraising effort;
* magnifies the potential of the fundraiser;
* offers support and guidance as needed to help equip and empower churches and non-profits in resource development (up to 5 hours of technical support available for logistical help, i.e. planning, advertising, design, drafting appeals, etc.)

Please be aware that funding will only be allocated after a written request has been received and funds distributed after submission of the one-page matching grant report form.

Questions? Contact a member of the Board below or email uccmissionPB@gmail.com.

Decisions are made by the MPB 2024-25 members: Ruth Beck, MiMi Chamberlin, Rachel England (Treasurer), Jim Hill (Secretary), Carol Roth, Dan Weyand-Geise (Chairperson)

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Please submit the information below on the following pages in a new document with your church name in the document file name (3 pages maximum, pdf preferred) to: uccmissionPB@gmail.com at least 30 days before your project is scheduled.

Today’s Date:

Name of Church submitting request:

Church Address:

Church Phone: Church Website:

Is church active on Social media? (please circle) FaceBook Instagram

Name of person submitting request:

Role in congregation:

Phone: Email Address:

Will the matching funds benefit (please circle) your church or Partner/Project/Event

If a partner organization, please provide details:

Name:

Address:

Phone: Website:

Is partner org active on social media? (please circle) FaceBook Instagram

Is this organization a 501(c) (3) charitable org? YES NO Not Sure

If so, tax exempt ID# (EIN):

Please indicate the type of match that you are seeking: (please circle)

 Direct Mail Appeal Fundraising Event Match for other funds

 Other (please describe):

What is the target date for your effort? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the anticipated amount you are seeking to raise (amount to match) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(We will match funds raised, up to a maximum match amount of $3000 per 12 month period)

Is this a new event/effort? Or repeated?

Do you need any support from Mission Priority to help in the planning? YES NO

If yes, please describe:

How does your congregation support the Mission Priority Board?

Please briefly add any other supporting information or comments that you think would be helpful in reviewing this request.