

**HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OUTREACH/ADVOCACY MINISTRY TEAM
ACCESSIBILITY GRANT APPLICATION**

Date_____ District_____

Name of Local Church_____

Mailing Address_____

Pastor_____ Phone_____

Applicant's Name_____ Position_____

Which group of persons with handicapping conditions do you plan to reach through this effort?

How do you propose to use this grant?_____

What is the total projected cost of the project and how do you plan to pay the total cost?

Membership of Church_____ Annual Budget_____

Please describe your congregation and some of its existing ministries:_____

Applicant's Signature_____

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING ACCESSIBILITY GRANTS

1. Applications MUST be postmarked by October 31.
2. Only existing structures qualify for a grant.
3. Eligible categories: Response to special needs for inclusion of individuals with, but not limited to, Learning or Mental Impairment, Physically Handicapping conditions, Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment.
4. Verification (picture or letter) of completed project should be sent to the Director of Connectional Ministries.

Return application to:
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HOLSTON CONFERENCE OUTREACH/ADVOCACY MINISTRY TEAM GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSIBILITY GRANT

PURPOSE: To encourage and assist local churches in making buildings, facilities, and activities accessible to all, including persons with handicapping conditions.

DEFINITION: Accessible is used to describe entry and use of facilities, programs, services, and ministries.

Curb cuts, ramps, appropriate parking spaces, wheelchair lifts or elevators, toilet renovation, and shortening pews for wheelchair space are examples.

Modifying sound systems, securing hearing aid devices, training sign language interpreters, providing Braille material, large type worship, and program aids are examples.

Securing church school worship resource material for persons with learning or mental impairment or for persons who are deaf, deafened, hard of hearing, or visually impaired is another example of access.

Persons with disabilities are those persons whose difference in need creates a problem of mobility, communication, intellectual comprehension, or personal relationships, which interferes with their participation or that of their families in the life of the church.

FUNDS: The Holston Conference Outreach/Advocacy Ministry Team has secured resources to provide a limited number of grants of \$500 each to be awarded to local churches to assist them in making their facilities accessible.

PROVISIONS OF THE GRANT:

1. Grants available only to Holston United Methodist churches/agencies.
2. Only one grant will be made to a local church.
3. Grants will be awarded by December 31 each year.
4. Applications must be received by October 31.
5. Selection will be made on the basis of the following: Evidence of satisfactory planning and evidence of financial need.

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

Please attach an outline of how you plan to implement your proposed activity. This might include rough drawings for physical changes.

For further information please contact:

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