Your Missouri Conference Mission, Service & Justice Team seeks to be a vital link between local United Methodist churches and a world in need.

Volunteer time, goods, services and dollars from United Methodists across Missouri are currently helping:

- Missouri children and families through LifeWise STL and Della Lamb Community Services;
- Every United Methodist Church in Mozambique through the Covenant Partnership Program;
- Rural community outreach regarding mental wellbeing;
- Those in recovery or those experiencing homelessness through day shelters and services that offer dignity and promote hope;
- Education efforts through afterschool programs and church-school partnerships;
- LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Ministries;
- And the list goes on and on…

Make the Connection!

The Costner-Fulton Fund for Missions
A Grant Program of the Office of Mission, Service & Justice

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Tom and LaVerne Fulton shared a passion for social work in their professional lives. Their activism was a calling, rooted in faith and given further expression through the outreach ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is not surprising that this dedicated couple created an estate plan that would continue to reach out to a world in need. With a bequest of $338,000, the Fultons created a permanent endowment benefiting missions through the Global Connections Team of the Missouri Conference. (A smaller portion of the endowment income benefits the historic Coldwater United Methodist Church Cemetery.)

The Fulton’s fund is in memory of Tom’s grandparents, Albert and Angeline Costner, founders and sustainers of the Coldwater Methodist Church and his parents, Frederick and Minnie Fulton. Tom and LaVerne met and married when both were social workers in Washington, D.C. in 1947. They moved to Columbia, Missouri in 1964 when Tom accepted a faculty position at the University of Missouri. Tom died in 1996. As Reverend Dick Blount stated in his eulogy for LaVerne in 2002, “She followed her faith and was true to her commitments to the end of her life on earth.”

**About the Grant Program**

**Description**

The Office of Mission, Service & Justice offers grants of $1,000 to $5,000 to launch new, innovative or one-time mission programs or events.

Priority consideration will be given to proposals which enable congregations to lead people to actively follow Jesus Christ.

Missional areas for possible funding include but are not limited to:

- community outreach
- racial justice and reconciliation
- diversity and inclusion ministries
- disaster response
- literacy programs
- rural-based ministries
- restorative justice work
- voter registration and advocacy
- immigrant and refugee-focused ministries
- health, wholeness and welfare ministries
- ecumenical and interreligious concerns

Building and construction projects are not eligible.

The grant program is intended to provide “start-up” funding for new missional ministries. However, under certain conditions, funding on a decreasing scale may be available for the first three years of a project.

**Who May Apply?**

United Methodist Churches and related ministries in Missouri are eligible to apply for grant assistance.

**Application**

Completed applications must clearly describe the new mission initiative. The application must also include (a) the name and address of the group responsible for implementing the proposal and the name and address of its contact person, (b) a copy of the total budget for the proposal, including the amount requested with this application and the amounts expected from other sources, and (c) a plan for evaluating the effectiveness of this proposal after six months and 12 months.

**Deadline: October 1**

Complete the online grant application at [www.moumethodist.org/costnerfulton](http://www.moumethodist.org/costnerfulton) by October 1.

**Questions?**

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