

# Application for Growth Grant

*Western Yearly Meeting Board on Meeting Development and Nurture*

**NOTE:** Board meetings are third Saturdays of January, May and September  
Please submit your request ***no later than one month prior to a Board meeting.***

(Any application received less than 30 days prior to the Board meeting  
will be held over to the following board meeting.)

One of the goals of the Western Yearly Meeting Board on Meeting Development and Nurture is to foster the growth of existing meetings. The limited funds available will be used to strengthen and/or broaden the ministry of the local meeting. To that end the Board is offering grants of up to \$2,000.00 per year for up to 3 years (\$6,000.00 Maximum) for innovative growth initiatives based on annual review and approval.

Please note these guidelines:

- a. This application is to be approved by the monthly meeting and signed and dated by the clerk.
- b. The monthly meeting is responsible for reporting to the Board at each board meeting on progress with the grant. Reports are due prior to the Board meeting dates following approval of the grant.
- c. Renewal of the grant will be made only when reports have been received.. .
- d. A monthly meeting may have only one grant current at any given time.
- e. A meeting may not apply for another grant until a current grant has been successfully completed. The new application must be for a purpose different from the previous grant.
- f. The board clerk or secretary will respond to the point of contact person immediately following the board meeting in which the application is reviewed. This response will indicate approval/disapproval or a need for further information.

It is expected that Monthly Meetings applying for grants will be active in the Yearly Meeting and in harmony with policies set forth in Western Yearly Meeting *Faith and Practice*. Where grants fund staff, that staff is expected to be available for consultation with the Superintendent(s) from time to time.

Please check the grant term that applies:  One Time Only  Two Years  Three Years

What is the total amount of grant funds you are requesting? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information:

1. Meeting Name \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date of approval by Monthly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact person **(to assume the responsibility to file reports to the Board.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

3. General Membership Information

A. Present Membership \_\_\_\_\_

B. Members added and removed during the past three years

Additions	Years: 20__	20__	20__
Transfer in			
Previously un-churched			
Children of members			

Removals

Transfer out (Moved out of area)			
Transfer out (Kept same address)			
Reversion (Dropouts)			
Death			

C. Average Sunday morning worship attendance this year \_\_\_\_\_

D. Complete the following table as well as you are able

	1 year ago	2 years ago	3 years ago	4 years ago	5 years ago
Membership					
Average Worship Attendance (am)					
Average Sunday School Attendance					
Total Number of Services (am)					
Total Meeting Capacity					
Number of Full-Time Professional Staff					
Number of Part-Time Professional Staff					

E. Please make any observations or comments on the information above that will help the board members' understanding.

4. State your Meeting's purpose or mission statement.

5. Briefly describe your meeting's facilities, ministries, and programs. Including a current brochure or newsletter with this application would be helpful.

6. Describe your meeting's involvement in Western Yearly Meeting. (*e.g.*, Area Meeting, Administrative Council, Boards, Committees, and annual sessions)

7. Attach a copy of your current budget and your year-end financial report from last year. Please include a report of your current status on payment of Yearly Meeting assessments.

# Project Proposal

(Use back of sheet if necessary)

For what purpose are you requesting this grant?

What do you expect to accomplish?

How do you project this will affect your Meeting and ministry?

How is your Meeting planning on supporting this project financially? Include costs of equipment, etc.

Questions may be directed to the current clerk of the Board on Meeting Development and Nurture (see Yearly Meeting Minute Book), or to the Yearly Meeting office: 1-800-909-3452 or 317-839-2789 or [WesternYM@sbcglobal.net](mailto:WesternYM@sbcglobal.net). Mail to: **Western Yearly Meeting, P.O. Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168**