

Dear Pastors, Council Chairs and Local Circuit Leaders

We want to encourage your congregations to consider applying for a development grant from the Sacramento United Methodist Union (SUMU).

As the mission of the mission extension society in your geographical area, SUMU is specifically dedicated to the growth of Methodism. SUMU currently makes grants to established churches for new ministry opportunities. These grants are intended to fund new ministries that strengthen or promote your congregation in its central mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We focus on grants for new ministries reaching new people for Jesus Christ. SUMU awards a limited number of grants in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000.

{Please note, SUMU grants are not intended to cover usual operating expenses or financial emergencies.}

If you are interested in exploring the opportunity of a SUMU grant, plan on attending our “Grant Kickoff Meeting” {May 12th, 10:00 to 12:00 at The Table at Central UMC}. This meeting is intended to help you understand the process for submitting a grant, hear best practices and learn the details of a solid SUMU grant proposal. Attendance at this meeting is required if you intend to submit a grant.

The SUMU grant process kicks off each February (this first year the new process starts with the May meeting) and final grant approvals are made at the September SUMU meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the May 12th kick off meeting.

Please RSVP to revgarymc@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Co-Chairs, Church Development

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