

## ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS (ELCC) GRANTS

Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team  
Holston Conference, The United Methodist Church

### Guidelines

1. Ethnic Local Church Concerns (ELCC) grants are intended for construction or renovation of buildings used by ethnic local churches. ***These are one-time-only grants to be used by the local church for construction and renovation only; they are not to be used for program ministry support.***
2. Under extraordinary circumstances, a church *may* be considered for an ELCC Grant for a second year. A new application must be made for the second year. No assumption should be made about automatic approval. Each project will be in competition with other churches for funding.
3. The *minimum* ELCC Grant is \$1,000. Projects requiring less than \$1,000 should be able to secure local church funding. The *maximum* ELCC Grant is \$2,500.
4. No ELCC Grant will be made where the Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team funds constitute more than 2/3 of the total construction or renovation cost.
5. Application is done on a rolling basis each year as long as funds are available. Applications made after funds are depleted in a given year will be held for consideration in the following calendar year.
6. **All applications must be filed on the approved ELCC Grant Application Form with all required signatures.**
7. All Application Forms should be requested from and returned to the Office of Connectional Ministries, P.O. Box 850, Alcoa, TN 37701-0850.
8. You are asked to provide Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team with a summary of the renovation or construction project and how it is progressing. The evaluation form will be mailed to you and is due to the Conference Office by September 1 of the year following the calendar year in which the grant is awarded.

**ELCC GRANT APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Outreach Advocacy Ministry Team  
Holston Conference

1. Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

3. Officer of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What is the ultimate goal of this proposed construction or renovation project? How will it contribute to ongoing life of your church? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Church Profile** (Last calendar year)

Total Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Average Attendance Worship \_\_\_\_\_

Average Attendance Sunday School \_\_\_\_\_ Total Church Budget \_\_\_\_\_

Fair Share % Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Church Debt \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Financial Profile of Construction or Renovation Project** for which funds are requested

Projected Budget for Project (Attach a copy of budget.) \_\_\_\_\_ (total)

Cash on Hand for Project \_\_\_\_\_

Other Grants \_\_\_\_\_

Other Income \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Requested \_\_\_\_\_

(Minimum \$1,000; Maximum \$2,500)

Financial Plan to sustain this construction or renovation project beyond this grant

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7. What group(s) in your church has/have approved the project?

\_\_\_\_\_ Church Council/Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Finance Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is this projected construction or renovation project the result of a disaster which struck your property?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Date that plans and this request for an ELCC Grant were reviewed by the District Superintendent?

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10. What group in your church will be in charge of supervision and evaluation of the grant? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Officer of Church

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:**

Office of Connectional Ministries

P. O. Box 850

Alcoa, TN 37701-0850