

## CMC Outreach Commission

### 2019-2020 Matching Grant Guidelines

*Our CMC goals call for us “to discover and join with what God is doing in our community.....because we are intentionally sitting at the table of the other.” Outreach Commission seeks to help CMC participate in outreach opportunities in the community by providing monetary support to members who initiate projects that benefit our community.*

- Our Matching Grant program will match funds raised for **defined short term projects or needs in our community, or in organizations that serve our community, that may have a specific impact or outcome.**
- Projects may be proposed by groups of persons such as MYF, Sunday School classes, families, small groups, or interested individuals.
- Applications should be made to the Outreach Commission on a form available in the church office. Applications will include the name of the project, objectives and expected outcome of the project, name of a contact person, supporting persons or group, and amount requested. It should also include preliminary plans/expectations for raising funds and sharing the story with the congregation.
- Applications for grants may be made at any time. Approval by the Outreach Commission may take a month or more to process, with consideration given to the timing of applications and availability of Matching Grant funds.
- The Outreach Commission will determine the amount of matching funds that are available for any given project dependent on available funds. The maximum allocated for any given project will be 50% of the cost of the project or \$2000, whichever is less. (Exceptions may be considered.) The amount of funds raised is not limited by that matched by the Outreach Commission
- Matching funds will be distributed when the group raises their portion. Partial payments may be considered depending on the project.
- Contributions to an approved project should be made by check to CMC and designated for the specific project.
- Following completion of the project some form of reporting to the congregation is to be done. This may be in the form of a “God at Work” report on Sunday morning, an article in the CMC news magazine *Sing*, a Wednesday evening presentation, or a display in the hall. In the event that a public report of a project is not felt to be appropriate, a report to the Outreach Commission with recording in the commission’s minutes is acceptable.

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