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God's work. Our hands.

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*We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Dear Fellow Christian Workers,

In the refrain printed above, David Haas seems to have captured the mission and ministry to which the Church in Society committee is called. As disciples of Christ, we are all called to the ministry of service, justice, and advocacy for the 'least of these.'

Each year the Church in Society committee makes available funds to encourage ministries serving local communities. These grants are used as 'seed' money to begin a new ministry, or to continue an established ministry or to expand and enhance an ecumenical effort.

Although there are limited funds, we encourage every congregation to prayerfully consider submitting a grant request. We wish we could offer financial support for every request submitted. Although not every request can be honored with funding, we strive to support every ministry in some way. At our meeting in August we will consider all grant requests and honor as many as possible with our limited funding. We will also offer prayers for EVERY ministry that is proposed. **All grant request forms must be submitted by July 15, 2011** to be reviewed at our August meeting. Announcement letters will go out by October 1. Checks will be written in time for you to receive them by November 1.

Please feel free to submit your grants via the internet, as well as through the more traditional postal service. The form is not as important as the content, so feel free to adjust the format. It is very important that we have accurate contact information for the grant. Please include the most appropriate contact information so that if we have questions, we can easily contact the correct person. And be specific about other funding sources you have tried.

Our prayers continue for all of the ministries that God empowers us to do in the world. We echo the beginning as well as the end of the song composed by David Haas,

"Come Live in the Light, Shine with the joy of the love of the Lord."

Yours in Christ's service

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Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.



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Church in Society Committee
Grant Application Form
Due Date: July 15, 2011

Submit via email to aj8cvern@aol.com or postal carrier to Vern Tolles, 9276 East Road, Burt, MI 48417
Questions? Contact Vern at 989-770-9892

Title of Project _____

Amount of Grant Request _____

Describe the program and Goals of the program (attach a separate sheet of paper). Topics can include but are not limited to:

- How does this program relate to the mission of the congregation?
- Number of people involved with the program?
- What population will be served by this project?
- How many people will be served by this project?
- What other congregation / faith communities are involved in this project?

Theological/Biblical Foundation of Project

- Is the project the emphasis of the Synod?

How the program will be evaluated

- Itemize the project's total budget.
- What other funding sources have you tried? What was the result?
- Specifically, how will you use this grant?

Name of congregation _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Contact person (person in charge of program) _____

Pastor's Name and Signature _____