

Iowa Conference
United Church of Christ
2012 Annual Meeting

Invitation for Grant Proposals
Jens A. Carstensen Family Endowment Fund

The Board of Directors, per their authorization to utilize income from the Carstensen Family Endowment “for the purposes of the ministries of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ as the governing officers and directors of said conference deem most appropriate” hereby solicit proposals for funding.

The Board has adopted the following over-arching principle for usage of these funds:

“We will entertain proposals which hold promise to enrich the life and vitality of the Iowa Conference in common expressions (rather than accrue mainly to the benefit of any one local church or small group of persons). The Board will give particular priority to projects which are forward looking and designed to better equip the church to relevant witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These proposals may originate with any group of three or more local churches or authorized ministers. To be considered for funding, the grant proposal must be intended to move the conference into a more relevant and robust future.”

The Board will consider a first round of grants later this year and is now soliciting proposals to be received no later than October 15, 2012.

The board will consider grants of up to \$5000 each and may, in aggregate, fund projects totaling up to \$25,000 during this first round. Final awarding of grants will be made at the Board’s meeting in January, 2013.

Copies of the entire Carstensen Family Endowment policy are available upon request from the Iowa Conference office. No particular form is required to make application, but requests which engage the imagination and seem to hold potential for lasting impact will be more favorably considered.

The granting process will be competitive, and the decision of the Board of Directors will be final.

For additional information speak with any member of the Board of Directors or Conference staff.

(Approved by Board of Directors on June 8, 2012)