

Mission Mini-Grant Matching Program (MMP)

Soapstone's Mission Committee is offering financial support to groups that make commitments to a mission project. This Mini-Grant program will match up to \$250 donated to projects that meet the guidelines specified for an approved mission project (below).

APPLICATION TERMS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Groups only. The application is on behalf of a group and requires at least three (3) individual applicants. Individuals who are interested in receiving matching funds must have support of a group (Sunday School classes, Supper Clubs, Bible Study groups, Covenant groups, etc.). The group is not required to be a Soapstone sponsored group.
- Provide fundraising details. This is a matching grant. Be prepared to include details about how the group will raise/ provide funds for the project.
- Soapstone members/constituents required. At least 1 member of the application group must be a member or constituent of Soapstone UMC.
- Follow-up participation is required. (see requirements below)

APPROVED MISSION PROJECT CRITERIA:

- Mission Projects must have a positive impact on more than one person.
- Mission Projects will not include organizations Soapstone currently has "Significant" (defined by the committee) ties.
- Mission Projects should include the possibility of future and/or continued engagement.

FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS:

- After funds are received by applicants and used for the mission project, applicants must complete an after-action report.
- The Missions committee will review the after-action reports and may use information gained to promote the program to the congregation.
- After-action reports are due no later than 6 months after funds are received.

PROJECT GOALS

This program is established to provide the Missions committee with insight into the mission projects that the congregation of Soapstone UMC is most passionate about. As we strive to learn about the passion projects of our congregation, we expect to achieve the following goals:

1. Provide Financial support to Mission Projects that help build the Kingdom of God.
2. Develop a comprehensive list of Mission Projects and goals that can be used to set the Mission team's priorities for the future.
3. Explore new mission opportunities.
4. Encourage individuals and groups to provide leadership in new areas of mission work.

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Soapstone UMC Mission Committee

The Soapstone United Methodist Church Mission Committee offers financial support to groups that commit to meaningful mission projects. Through the **Mission Mini-Grant Matching Program (MMP)**, Soapstone will **match up to \$250** raised or donated by an approved group for an eligible mission project.

This program is designed to encourage new mission ideas, strengthen community engagement, and help identify the mission areas our congregation is most passionate about.

Application Terms & Requirements

To be eligible, applications must meet **all** of the following requirements:

1. **Group applications only**

Applications must be submitted on behalf of a group with at least **three (3) individual participants**.

Examples include Sunday School classes, Supper Clubs, Bible Study groups, Covenant groups, or other small groups.

The group does not need to be an official Soapstone-sponsored group.

2. **Matching funds required**

This is a matching grant. Applicants must provide details on how funds will be raised or provided by the group.

3. **Soapstone connection required**

At least **one member** of the applying group must be a current **member or constituent of Soapstone UMC**.

4. **Follow-up participation required**

Groups must agree to complete post-project reporting (see Follow-Up Requirements below).

Approved Mission Project Criteria

Mission projects must:

- Positively impact **more than one person**
- **Not** involve organizations with which Soapstone currently has “significant ties” (as defined by the Mission Committee)

- Include the possibility of **future or continued engagement**
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Follow-Up Requirements

After grant funds are received and used:

- Groups must complete an **After-Action Report**
 - Reports will be reviewed by the Mission Committee and may be used to promote the program to the congregation
 - Reports are due **within six (6) months** of receiving funds
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Program Goals

Through the Mission Mini-Grant Matching Program, Soapstone UMC seeks to:

- Provide financial support to mission projects that help **build the Kingdom of God**
- Develop a comprehensive list of mission projects and goals to guide future mission priorities
- Explore **new mission opportunities**
- Encourage individuals and groups to take **leadership roles** in mission work