

## **OHIO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS**

- 1) **APPORTIONMENTS.** Church must be paying 100% of conference and district apportionments. If not, there must be a 3 year plan in place to move to 100% payment.
- 2) **PARTNERSHIPS.** The church must show they are in partnership with at least one other church/organization.
- 3) **CHURCH/ORGANIZATION FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** At least 25% of the project cost must come from the funds of the local congregation or organization.
- 4) **FOCUSED MISSION STATEMENT & LEADERSHIP.** Project must have a concise statement of vision, mission and leadership necessary to achieve the goal(s).
- 5) **SUPPORTS AT LEAST ONE OF THE FRUITFUL PRACTICES.** Project must clearly address at least one of the 5 Fruitful Practices.
- 6) **SUPPORTS MOMENTUM.** Project must clearly show that it enhances the momentum of the local congregation.
- 7) **EXTREMELY LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING OF STAFF POSITIONS.** Staff positions may be funded for up to one year when the project can clearly demonstrate that it will be able to secure funding for at least three years beyond the current request.
- 8) **MEASURABLE GOALS & TIMETABLES.** Measurable goals and a timeline that covers implementation through evaluation and church/organization funding must be included.
- 9) **VEHICLES.** Purchase of a vehicle will not be awarded under any circumstance.