Global Mission Urban Centers of Influence

These are General Conference, North American Division and Columbia Union funds which are to be used to establish new churches in urban areas that have little or no Adventist work. The express purpose of an urban center of influence (UCI) is to plant a new church by meeting people’s felt needs.

- Funding: GC - Up to $150,000 or 60% of total budget (whichever is less); NAD, Union, Conference and Donors – Up to $100,000 or 40% of budget (whichever is less).
- Funds are intended for personnel, program and project resources, and perhaps some seed money for rental costs to help get the project started.
- Only cities selected by the NAD (58) with a population of at least 1 million may apply.
- Needs to be in an area of the city with little or no Adventist presence
- Must have a business plan that will allow the UCI to continue to operate after funding ends.
- An annual report must be submitted during the first three years of funding.
- All applications must be processed through the local conference. The local conference will select the project and will forward it to the Union.
- The union will vote 1 UCI project per conference every three years.
- For application, visit https://urbancenters.org/application.

Submit Project Application(s) to:
Email: cramos@columbiaunion.net
Phone: 410-997-3414 ext. 561
Address: Columbia Union Headquarters
Attn: Ministries Development
5427 Twin Knolls Rd
Columbia, MD 21045

All project applications are due to the Office of Ministries Development by
February 10, 2020

Columbia Union Ministries Development
Available Funding & Guidelines 2020
Global Missions Church Planting Funds

These are General Conference, North American Division and Columbia Union funds which are available exclusively for Planting Churches in un-entered areas, with special preference given to urban areas. Funding is made one year at a time for a maximum of 3 years.

Church Plant Definition: A newly recognized mission group, less than five years old, that equips disciples who serve the community and worship regularly, on the path of becoming an organized church.

- $10,000 per church plant (GC/NAD $5,000; CU $2,500; Conference $2,500)
- 4 plants per conference over 15,000 members (3 plants under 15,000)
- Each conference must appoint a Global Missions coordinator.
- All requests for funding must be processed through the local conference Global Missions coordinator.
- An application for funding must be completed online at https://jordan.adventist.org. All projects must receive local conference and Union financial support.
- A year end project summary report must be completed online before submitting a new application for an existing project.

Homeland Missions Funding

These are Columbia Union funds which are distributed to the local conferences to assist them with local projects that are evangelistic in nature and make a community impact. Projects must be financially supported by and subject to the governance of the local conference.

- If a project has its own 501(c)(3) it is subject to NAD policy C-47 and is not eligible to receive Columbia Union funds.
- Funding subsidies are made one year at a time for a maximum of 3 years.
- Projects may include capital expenses.
- Funding applications must be submitted annually. Present funding does not guarantee future funding.
- A year end project summary report must be completed and can be found on our website.
- All requests for funding must be processed through the local conference president’s office.
- Application can be found online at http://columbiaunion.org/services/ministries/development.

Compassion 10 Million

These are North American Division and Columbia Union funds which are to be used solely to reach the community with acts of love and service and should not be used to pay the salary of a pastor, Bible worker or anyone else; or to fund a series of evangelism meetings.

- This is a one-time grant of $15,000 (NAD $10,000; Union $2,500; Conference $2,500) to help one Church per conference reach the community.
- The $15,000.00 grant is intended to be “seed money” for a long-term sustainable community initiative by the local church; something that will go on after the year is finished and the $15,000.00 are invested.
- Application is online at www.compassionmovement.org.
- All applications must be processed through the local conference. The local conference will select the project and will forward it to the Union.