



WARE TRUST SPIRITUAL FORMATION GRANT PROCESS AND EXPLANATION

The Florida Conference has been entrusted with the responsibility of discerning and dispersing funds from the Ware Trust. The intended recipients are Florida Conference churches / ministries which reflect spiritual formation or ministry initiatives.

The funds for such initiatives originate from the Rev. H. Melton and Adelaide S. Ware Trust. Many Florida United Methodists are already aware of the contributions of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ware. Their gracious gifts have served to underwrite the cost of the prayer chapel at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park along with this perpetual grant. Their financial and spiritual generosity is intended to enhance the experience opportunities for spiritual formation within our Conference.

Spiritual Formation is the process by and through which individuals live a life of fullness in and for Christ. The formative experience enables persons to follow the Holy Spirit more closely and through the practice of intentional disciplines, receive the blessings that a deeper and richer relationship with Christ affords. Persons who embark on the intentional journey of formation, open themselves to deeper learning, believing, and living the message of the Gospel.

Ministries applying for a grant from the Ware Foundation should seek to embody the sacrificial spirit and generous hearts of Rev. H. Melton and Adelaide S. Ware, who desired to share their generous gifts to make the formational journey available to groups of disciples. The church / ministry group should be recognized by the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and be prepared to submit the name(s) and contact information of the officers or leadership for the ministry and accounting procedures. The individual grant participants should be willing to serve in the ministry requesting the grant. *A written submission is required not later than April 30, 2022. The submission should be a maximum of 1000 words, highlighting how the grant recipient has impacted their community.*

Completed applications are due no later than October 25, 2022 (close of business) and are to be submitted via the submission link – [CLICK HERE](#). Note, this is a firm deadline. Applicants will be notified by November 30th, 2022 by email, if they have or have not been awarded the grant. Funds will be received not later than 12/31/22. NOTE: It is your responsibility to fully complete the grant and provide all necessary information. Grant applications may be disqualified for missing information. Please visit our website for more information and past recipient examples by [clicking here](#).

Grant awards will range up to \$1500.00. Applicants should take particular care to detail methods to address any shortfall between amount requested and potential amount rewarded. The Ware Trust Committee reserves the right to award or deny any applications, including requests for renewal grants.

The members of the Ware Trust Committee are grateful for your interest and thankful for your leadership!

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