**Southwest Conference United Church of Christ**

**Sow the Seed Grant Coversheet**

Date:

Name/Location of Church:

Address of Church:

Name of Pastor:

Name of Grant Contact Person(s):

Contact Information

Preferred Phone:

Preferred Email:

Church Membership:

# of Youth/Children under 18 in the congregation:

# of Young Adults (age 18-25) in the congregation:

Describe the target population of this ministry project (i.e. geographic locations, age range, socio-economic-ethnic background if relevant, conference-wide, within local church, multiple communities, national, etc.):

**🡺Please attach proposal details per page 2 of this document.**

If this request is approved, we commit to reporting back to the Associate Conference Minister the status of our project within one year of receiving the grant.

Date:

Submitted by: Office held:

Signature: Date:

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Awarded Grant for $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Award Not Approved (Reason)

# Sow the Seed Grant Details

The **Sow the Seed Grant** awards are offered by the Southwest Conference United Church of Christ to support ministries of faith formation undertaken by Southwest Conference churches for or with any children and youth under 18, families with children, and/or young adults between 18 and 25 years old. Your church or UCC ministry group can request a grant of up to $2,000\* to support your work to offer faith education, spiritual formation, service programs, activities or ministries specifically targeted to these populations. A single church can write more than one grant, but will only receive money for ***one grant in a 6 month period***.

## Describe the faith formation project you are trying to create.

In a couple of paragraphs, provide an overview of what you are trying to accomplish, as an executive summary. If it has been done before in your church, how will this grant increase your capacity to expand an existing program? What is new about this particular project? Describe how this helps your church realize its vision, or calling, how it works and why it makes sense to nurture faith formation to those under 25 years old.

## What need or purpose is being addressed?

What unmet need, or opportunity will this allow you to do that you haven’t been able to do before? What other ways have you tried to meet this need/opportunity? How well will *this* project meet that need?

1. **What is the objective and visualized outcome desired?**

## What resources are needed that you currently do not have to meet this goal?

## How will this project impact church vitality?

How will this project increase your community vitality, its growth, ministries touches, and its ability for you to be extravagantly welcoming followers of Jesus embodying God’s unconditional justice and love?

## Describe your implementation plan or schedule

How will you get the job done? What are your goals and are they measurable and realistic? What is your timeline, schedule or step-by-step plan? Who is on your team? Assuming you get your grant, what happens when the money is used, does the project end or continue?

## What is your financial plan?

What will this cost? (include estimates, receipts, etc.) How will this funding impact your project? What other funding is being used? Will you use volunteer time to accomplish this project, if so how many people and approximate total hours of volunteer effort is expected? Is there other fund raising planned for this project?

1. **Date for the project to begin and when you will need to grant money:**

*Please send grant applications to:*

**Rev. Dr. Barb Doerrer-Peacock, Associate Conference Minister**

Southwest Conference UCC

Or e-mail to:

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Phoenix, AZ 85064

***\*****Grants may be requested for more than $2,000 with supporting documentation of costs. An application for over $2,000 will need to be considered by the SWC Executive Board.*