

\$500 Micro-grant for Northern Illinois Farmers Available for Limited Time

December 2, 2019

At the Nov. 16th Special Session of Annual Conference of the Northern Illinois United Methodist Church, a Bishop's Appeal offering was taken to help our local farmers who faced a difficult season due to a rainy, cold spring and a drought in July and rainy harvesting season.

In mid-August, the Bishop and Cabinet toured several farms in Northern Illinois and heard their stories of anxiety, uncertainty, and even depression. The Keagy Town and Rural Committee will be awarding micro-grants from the funds collected for farmers who are struggling.

"Farming is the backbone of not only our economy but our culture," said Bishop Dyck. "Let's be supportive of our farmers. It will be greatly appreciated and every amount, no matter how big or small, will help."

This application is to be submitted online by a clergy person of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church on behalf of Farm Service Agency (FSA)-recognized farmers who have suffered from the severe rains and the subsequent drought during the planting season of 2019. This paper form will serve to collect the necessary information for the clergy person below to submit a request for micro-grant funding to NIC UMC Town and Rural Committee for consideration. Please complete this form and return to a clergy representative or another United Methodist clergy in your community. Call one of the pastors below with any questions or concerns.

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The recipients of the ministry gift do not have to be affiliated with a United Methodist or other congregation. Grants will be awarded according to funding availability up to \$500. For tax purposes this is categorized as a gift and not subject to income tax. Awards will be distributed by United Methodist Clergy.



United Methodist Church Farmer Micro Grant Pre-application Form

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Name of applicant(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

Amount Requested: ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ \$300 ___ \$400 ___ \$500

Please give a brief description (3-5 sentences) per individual and/or family of their needs and/or current situation.

All information collected will not be shared or redistributed beyond the Grant Award Review Process of the Town and Rural Committee.