



Northern Illinois Conference
United Methodist Church

Rainbow Covenant Application Form 2016-2020

Rainbow Covenant Title: _____

Rainbow Covenant Advances allow an organization or ministry to ask for funds from other donors or churches. Receiving an Advance number does not mean funds will automatically follow. Submission of application does not guarantee approval.

Types of Advances

There are two types of Advances, Conference and District. A **CONFERENCE** Advance is a ministry whose work applies to the whole Annual Conference and is regularly reviewed by a Conference board or commission. A **DISTRICT** Advance is a work of a particular cluster or district and invites other churches to be involved in the ministry. Its work is reviewed by the district secretary of Global Ministries and the District Superintendent. Please indicate which Advance for which you are applying. Please fill in each line appropriately based on your own research. Contact dquinn@umcnic.org for specific questions.

[] Conference Advance Special: Name of Board or Commission _____
Board or Commission Chair _____

[] District Advance Special: Name of District _____
District Secretary of Global Ministries _____
District Superintendent Signature _____

Has this request been listed previously [] No [] Yes - Rainbow Covenant Number _____

If yes, please use your records to report how much was received through the Advance in the past year.

See Criteria, #6 \$ _____

Project contact person/Position _____

Name of Treasurer or Development Officer _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax# _____ Email _____ Website _____

Is this the same address to send the final check? If not, please list below:

Application

1. On another sheet, please describe this potential Rainbow Covenant ministry in 100 words or less. Indicate how the organization/ministry is connected to the United Methodist Church. Send all application, including photos, to the e-mail address below.

2. If you had to summarize the organization's work in 3 bullet points, what three areas/points would you list? What slogan, logo, or key emphases would you include?

Applications on behalf of an organization and not from the organization itself will not be accepted.

All submissions must be sent to David W. Quinn, dquinn@umcnic.org

Deadline February 28th, 2018

Conference and District Advance Specials Criteria

Not all applications will be included in the Rainbow Covenant booklet. Submission of application does not guarantee approval. The Board of Global Ministries approves a preliminary list of Advances which are then submitted to the Annual Conference for approval. To be approved by the Board of Global Ministries as a Conference or District Advance Special, a ministry/project/agency must meet the following criteria...

- 1. Have a mission statement reflective of the mission statement of the Northern Illinois Conference. See umcnic.org.**
- 2. Be affiliated with the United Methodist Church by mandate of the organization.**
For example:
 - a. Inclusion of board members who are United Methodists.**
 - b. Partner with churches within the United Methodist connection.**
 - c. Be housed within a United Methodist church.**
 - d. Do ministry reflective of The Social Principles or Mission Goals of The UMC.**
 - e. Receive financial support from local United Methodist churches.**
- 3. Provide ministry within the boundaries of the Northern Illinois Conference.**
- 4. Provide a ministry that engages multiple United Methodist churches and their people beyond the local area.**
- 5. Be a legal, non-profit organization or under the umbrella of a legal, nonprofit entity.**
- 6. Provide evidence of a yearly financial review. Proof of audit and/or financial reports are welcome.**

Special Notes:

If a church has its own individual ministry that is primarily a mission of just that local church, like a food pantry or after-school program, it may not need an Advance number. Anyone can contribute to that ministry by giving to that local church. Only when a ministry is a larger effort of many congregations or an independent non-profit would it need an Advance.

By receiving an Advance number, a ministry is essentially establishing a tool for UMC congregations to give funds. **Being an Advance does not guarantee receipt of any funds.**

Advances receiving funds below a threshold amount will be asked to seek support through means other than the Advance. Ministry must maintain relationships with the Board of Global Ministries each year by submitting newsletters, stories, direct e-mails, or other engagement.

Ministries may use only one Advance number to support their projects.