

Global Migration – 2025 Mustard Seed Migration Grant Program

The Mustard Seed Migration Grant program is designed to encourage local United Methodist churches to engage in ministry to migrants and refugees in their midst. UMCOR will award grants of \$2,000 USD to up to 100 United Methodist local churches to engage in new, one-time community-based service projects and ministries focused on migrants and refugees.

The goal of this program is to nurture a deeper understanding and care for the most vulnerable in our communities. We also encourage participating congregations to think about what they might do on a long-term basis, how they might raise awareness to address systemic injustices present in immigration policy or consider how they might more completely live into a new understanding of church as the kingdom of God, actively engaged in caring for the most vulnerable in the community.

Program Criteria:

- Aligns with UMCOR's mission and vision
- Engages the congregation in implementation of the project
- Serves refugees and migrants, whether those migrants are refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, trafficked persons, stateless persons, or economic and environmental migrants
- Identifies and responds to a localized and specific problem or fills a specific need or gap in services
- Is informed by the refugees and migrants they are serving
- Is feasible given the partner's capacity, background, expertise, staffing, infrastructure, existing partnerships, and proposed budget
- Must be completed within six months
- Does not exceed a budget of \$2,000 USD

Only local United Methodist churches in the U.S. are eligible for this grant. The grant proposal must be for a congregational project based in the church's local community. Grants will not be awarded to applications for travel or the shipping or transporting of supplies; sub-granting to other organizations; proselytizing, pastoral care or worship; or multiple congregations intending to pool separate Mustard Seed grants for the same project. The grant proposal must be a congregation-based community project.

Application Instructions:

- a. All sections must be completed, and information should be clear and concise.
- b. When completing the application, please be sure to address the program, especially the requirement for congregational implementation of the project and exactly how refugees/migrants will be selected separate and apart from their relationship with the church or Christianity, and how the refugees/migrants will benefit from this project.
- c. Grants are intended for new activities in your local community, not for pre-existing programs of the local church. The program must also be completed within six months.
- d. Applications must be signed by senior pastor and lay leader of the local church.

Deadlines:

Completed applications will be evaluated on an ongoing basis, within 4 weeks of submission. We encourage churches to submit their applications as soon as possible, since awards will be given on a first-come first-served basis. Applications must be signed by the project grant manager and senior pastor. For more information or to submit a completed, signed application, email mustardseed@umcor.org.

2025 Mustard Seed Migration Grant Application Form

Please fill out every question to the best of your ability and get in touch with Global Ministries staff if you have any questions/concerns. Please do not use acronyms – spell the whole name if applicable.

Section 1: Organization Information

Date of submission		Name of the program this grant relates to (see top of page 1):	Mustard Seed Migration Grants
Name of church partner and annual conference			
Organization contact information (church)	Street address		
	City, state/province, postal code		
	Country		
	Phone number		
	General email		
	Website		
Grant contact person	Name & title		
	Email		
	Phone		
Grant payee (if different from church partner or organization listed above)			

Section 2: Project Information

Project title					
Project location(s) (be as specific as possible)		Amount requested (USD)			
If project is US-based: What is the racial/ethnic breakdown of the congregation/communities served by this project?					
Project time frame	Start date (mm/dd/yyyy)	End date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Project duration		
Has this project or your organization received Global Ministries/UMCOR funding in the past 2 years? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No	Year	Amount	Final report(s) submitted?		
		\$	☐ Yes ☐ No		
		\$	☐ Yes ☐ No		

Section 3: Narrative

1. What is the goal of this project? (50-word maximum)
2. Please briefly describe the socioeconomic and cultural context of the community specific to the project location, highlighting needs/challenges addressed through this proposal. (250- word maximum)
3. Please outline the activities that this funding will support to achieve the goal. (200-word maximum)
4. Who does this project reach/benefit and how are they selected? (100-word maximum)
5. Please fill out the chart below.

Category of persons reached	Number of individuals	Source of documentation
Example: Students	50	Attendance roster
Example: Mothers	10	Beneficiary list

Section 4: Project Budget

Income	USD
UMCOR Grant (Mustard Seed Migration Grant)	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00

Expenses (example categories: materials, meals, lodging, equipment, space, food baskets, travel)	USD
Example - meals	\$###.##
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL	\$2000

Section 5: Child Safety Policy

Global Ministries requires grantees who work with children and youth (under 18 years old) when using funds provided by Global Ministries to either adopt its Child Safety Policy or have its own policy, which substantially complies with and contains the core tenants set forth in Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy. If your organization is applying for funding for work even in part with children and youth (under 18 years old), please attach your organization's Child Safety Policy or agree that you will adopt Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy.

[Access the Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy here.](#)

[Access the Global Ministries' Child Safety Checklist here.](#)

Applicant agrees to adopt Global Ministries' Child Safety Policy.

Applicant attaches its own Child Safety Policy, which meets Global Ministries' requirements.

Applicant confirms this proposal does not involve any work with children and youth (under 18 years old)

Section 6: Program Specific Questions

6. How will the congregation be engaged in the implementation of this project? (100 word limit)

Section 7: Signatures

Pastor of church	
Name	
Title and name of organization	
Signature	
Date	

Lay leader	
Name	
Title and name of organization	
Signature	
Date	