

DMS Purpose

The purpose of the Charlotte District Mission Society shall be to promote evangelization and coordinate the mission of The United Methodist Church in the Charlotte District through the following ways:

- A. Establishing and supporting church extension, including research, organization (but not the constituting) of churches, acquisition of real estate, and the erection of buildings for church purposes and parsonage use;
- B. Developing special ministries and new forms of mission appropriate to new metropolitan needs;
- C. Promoting long-term regional planning and providing a coordinated framework for metropolitan mission strategy, including aid to weak churches, the adaptation of downtown churches to their altered environment, and ministry with small congregations and ethnic and language minorities;
- D. Helping to initiate and participate in urban coalitions and other associations with leaders in business, finance, industry, labor, education, government, and welfare in order to work cooperatively for mutually-desired social change; and
- E. Securing and holding funds or endowments for the Society as particularly set forth in the **2008 Discipline** of The United Methodist Church.

DMS GRANTS CRITERIA

The criteria for providing grants are based upon the following considerations:

- (1) Will this project promote evangelical growth for the church and help fulfill Christ's Great Commission?
- (2) Does the request originate from a congregation that has a history of supporting the work of the DMS? Exception is made for a new church start or a congregation committed to the goal of 100% participation.
- (3) Will this ministry likely become self-sustaining after a few years of district and/or Annual Conference support?