

Charlotte District E-Postle

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Colleagues:

One of the magnificent ways in which all our Charlotte District congregations can assist one another with programs of renewal, expansion of program, or building improvement is the District Mission Society Fund. Grant request forms are available from our office, and the deadline for receiving these requests is **September 15th**.

The DMS executive committee that reviews these requests gives priority to those projects that will do the most for evangelism, the growth of the church, and the nurture of discipleship. We also consider the performance of the church in its annual support of the District Mission Society funding through response to the apportionment request. The DMS does not offer assistance for meeting current budgetary needs that could be addressed by better stewardship patterns in a local church. DMS grants require a clear sense of mission and a commitment to outreach and evangelism by the applicant congregation. Provide a reasonable estimate of the cost of the project and the approximate amount that can be raised by the church. DMS may provide seed money for new projects and partial assistance for programs that show long-range promise. If your church or district project is currently getting a DMS grant and needs a renewal, submit a request for funding in 2006. Do not assume that DMS knows that you will need funding for next year or that your project will be supported financially by DMS over an extended period.

Please get your DMS request into our office by September 15th so that the committee can prayerfully consider the priority of needs in our district.

Grace and peace,

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