

RURAL CHURCH



2015 GRANTMAKING IN RURAL CHURCH
80 NEW GRANTS

\$16.2 million

A total of \$16.3 million was distributed, some of which was from commitments approved in previous years.

Strengthening rural United Methodist churches and the communities they serve by forming church leaders, building congregational capacity and fostering community engagement.

James B. Duke

THE DUKE ENDOWMENT



Rural church development

Building the infrastructure and capacity of United Methodist churches to enhance ministry and mission

2015 GRANTMAKING
\$3.7 million in
31 new grants

A grant to First United Methodist Church in Taylorsville, North Carolina, will help the congregation repurpose a car dealership into a sanctuary and fellowship hall, and use the extra space for mission programs and outreach.



Clergy and lay leadership

Strengthening United Methodist churches by improving the quality and effectiveness of church leadership

2015 GRANTMAKING
\$9.4 million in
20 new grants

A new project linking rural United Methodist clergy in North Carolina and the Institute for Emerging Issues will give clergy and lay leaders the resources to identify and understand local issues, and help them take informed ideas and solutions back home.



Congregational outreach

Engaging United Methodist congregations in programs that serve their communities

2015 GRANTMAKING
\$3.1 million in
29 new grants

In the rural mountains of western North Carolina, Matt's Ministry offers food bags for children, food delivery to seniors, a food pantry for neighbors in need and free books for preschoolers and their parents. A grant to Ledford's Chapel United Methodist Church is helping the program expand.

CANDIDATES FOR RURAL CHURCH GRANTS

- United Methodist churches that serve rural North Carolina communities
- The North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences and districts of the United Methodist Church
- Duke University Divinity School
- Retired United Methodist pastors and their families on record with the North Carolina and Western North Carolina conferences

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