

# Growing Ministry Grant Fund

## ***What is the Growing Ministry Grant Fund?***

The Growing Ministry Grant Fund established in 2010 is a mission outreach fund for use by disciples of Joy to encourage entrepreneurship in taking action living JOY to the world. The grants are intended to provide "seed money" for new ministry and support vital ministries that are not currently funded by the Spending Guide.

The fund grows throughout the year through the benevolence of the congregation. If you would like to make a gift directly to the fund please contact the Pastor or Financial Secretary. Any disciple of Joy may request funds for new ministry. Funds are to be requested in writing through the completion of the Growing Ministry Grant Application and attachment of any additional helpful documentation. Completed applications are to be submitted to Council Chairperson.

Recipients will give the Church Council a report within a year of the issuance of the grant on how the grant was used and the results of the grant. The report should include how the recipient has publicly acknowledged and/or publicized the receipt of the gift. The Church Council will make a recommendation at Part 2 of the Annual Congregational Meeting of any unused benevolence funds. All funds will be disbursed.

## **Requests for Grants must meet one of the following objectives:**

- Faith Sharing
- Community Connecting
- World Connecting
- Young Congregation/Disaster Assistance

### **Faith Sharing**

- A new ministry directly connected to Matthew 28:16-20

### **Community Connecting**

- A new ministry connecting Joy to the Fort Bend community or with local congregations
- Priority will be given to requests which a time line of the ministry is included

### **World Connecting**

- A new ministry connecting Joy to Houston and beyond
- Grants may include requests for missionary assistance or team efforts with other congregations/groups
- Priority will be given to requests which a time line of the ministry is included

### **Young Congregation/ Disaster Assistance**

- Eligible: Congregations who are starting and/or need assistance as well as those devastated by disaster
- Grants are intended to benefit the potential for growth of mission and ministry
- Priority will be given to requests based on the potential for ministry relationship with Joy