

Grant Principles

Overview Board for Justice & Witness Ministries

Northern California/Nevada Conference – UCC

The guiding principle for the work of the Overview Board for Justice & Witness Ministries is to empower local congregations of the Northern California Nevada Conference to engage in issues of social injustice that reflect the interests and needs of those local congregations and their surrounding communities. Social injustice issues include poor health, racial and economic injustice, hunger, disparities in education, violence, environmental injustice, and underemployment.

In that light, the following principles have been developed by the Board to assist congregations seeking funding for local church or church-sponsored programs:

1. Grants will be NCNC congregation based or congregation connected.
2. Funds will go to NCNC congregations or to organizations working with NCNC congregations.
3. Commitments will be made on annual basis subject to annual review and renewal up to 3 years.
4. Responses to social injustice issues should be systemic rather than of an ameliorative nature.
5. Grantee organizations will meet with the Overview Board annually to present a summary report of their ministries and how funds have been used.
6. Grantee organizations will be available to speak to NCNC groups/churches, time and distance permitting.

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