

GRANT APPLICATION – 2017 (Revised 8/23/16)
Warren Kuhler Memorial Grants for Dakotas United Methodist Local Church History
Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church
Commission on Archives and History

About these grants

These mission-initiative grants are available to chartered, mission and union churches currently serving United Methodists within the Dakotas Conference to assist in preserving and interpreting their local histories and making their stories accessible to support their disciple-making, world-transforming mission.

Grant funding up to \$2,000 per year will be awarded to churches applying for no more than \$500 each. This will be for specific projects and/or on-going ministry that preserves, interprets and/or brings public access to the local church's history. To be eligible, the local church must elect a local church historian, and provide a local match of cash and/or in-kind contributions.

To apply

NOTE: This application must be filled out completely. If you have any questions about the grant or completing this application form, please contact: Rev. Duane Coates or any member of the Dakotas Conference Commission on Archives and History. (Contact information is available in the most recent edition of The Official Journal of the conference.)

Applications are received and processed on an ongoing basis. Please send a Word document or .pdf attachment by e-mail, or mail a paper copy of the completed application to:

Rev. Duane Coates

Telephone (605) 695-5561

Mailing Address:

E-mail: dcoates70@yahoo.com

101 4th Ave. N.
Hettinger, ND 58639

Application Form

Church Name: _____

Address: _____

Web site (if the church has one): _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Contact Person: _____

Position/Title: _____

Please indicate which, if any, other churches are represented by this grant application:

Do/does the church(es) have a historian(s) and/or history committee?

Please list name/s of historian(s) and/or history committee members:

How long has/have the church(es) had a historian and/or history committee?

If the church(es) do/does not have a historian(s), what is the plan and timeline for election?

What will the money be used:

Specific project

Ongoing Ministry

Both

Other preferences:

1. Do/does the applicant church(es) (or any member thereof) conduct a ministry of assisting the annual and general conferences in maintaining contact with the Deadwood Cluster, which is a General Conference designated United Methodist Heritage Landmark.

Yes

No

2. Do/does the applicant church(es) (or any member thereof) conduct a ministry of assisting the annual conference in the preservation, interpretation and/or access to any of our other 12 conference historic sites (see separate sheet for a list).

Yes

No

Grant project proposal – description

Examples of eligible grant projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

Purchase archival supplies, software, attend workshops, receive training, compile a church history, create a historical display, etc.

Previous grant recipients used their funds to celebrate church milestone anniversaries, preserve church history in a printed booklet and to create displays of historical information and images.

If your church receives grant funds, how would you spend them? Attach an additional page, if necessary.

Grant project proposal – funding

Grant recipients are required to match the grant funding at 100% with local contributions and/or in-kind gifts. This means that a church receiving the full \$500 grant would need to match that with a total value of \$500 in some combination of cash and/or in-kind contributions. In-kind gifts include materials and services donated to the church for this project, including volunteer labor. To estimate the contribution of a volunteer time, estimate the number of hours that volunteers will spend on the grant project and multiply those hours by an amount not larger than \$10/hour. Preference is given for those churches that can provide at least half of their local match in cash. This includes paid staff time projected to be dedicated to the project. Please describe, with some detail, your proposed expenditures to match the grant funds. Examples include purchases made with budgetary authority or from other sources of funding, staff time, etc. Attach an additional page, if necessary.

\$_____ Grant amount requested (\$500 maximum)

Materials, services to be paid for by the church: \$_____

Paid staff time that will be used for this grant project: \$_____

Estimated church cash match (TOTAL): \$_____

Estimated value of donated materials, services: \$_____

Estimated value of volunteer time spent on this project: \$_____

Estimated church in-kind match (TOTAL): \$_____

Value of local church match (TOTAL of two previous totals): \$_____

Total project/ministry cost: \$_____

Total needed from grant funding (DIFFERENCE of two previous lines) \$_____

As the representative for the church applicant(s), I state to the best of my knowledge that the information in this application is true and correct, and if funded, the applicant will carry out the project in the manner described herein. The applicant(s) will maintain records in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles, and will follow up with a report to the Dakotas Conference Commission on Archives and History explaining how the funds were spent and describing the project.

This report may be published in the Dakotas Conference online newsletter, Mondays@Dakotas, as well as the Dakotas United Methodist Historical Society's newsletter, News & Notes.

Signature of applicant/representative

Date

Printed name of applicant/representative

About Warren Kuhler

Warren Kuhler
1922-2013

Warren Kuhler, 90, died on Monday, May 20, 2013, at Wakonda, S.D. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at the United Methodist Church in Wakonda. Burial was in the Union Cemetery at Wakonda with military honors.

Warren George Kuhler was born on May 25, 1922, to George and Ellen (Buehler) Kuhler in Wakonda. He graduated from Wakonda High School, where he was active in music and sports. While a student at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, Warren enlisted in the U.S. Army and was called to active service in 1943. He took his Air Corps cadet training at Moorhead, Minn., and graduated as a second lieutenant from navigation school at San Marcos, Texas, and from flight engineering school at Amarillo, Texas.

While in the Fargo-Moorhead area, he met his future wife, Lillian Mae Hennings. They were married Feb. 14, 1945, at the American Lutheran Church in Fargo. After being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1946, he finished his education at Morningside College.

Warren worked the family farm at Wakonda for many years, except for two years at the Blue Mountain Dairy in Colton, Calif. In 1962 Warren became the director of the South Dakota United Methodist Foundation, where he served for seven years. In 1969 he became the administrator of the Pioneer Hospital and Nursing Home in Viborg, where he worked for 21 years. He was elected a fellow in the American College of Nursing Home Administrators in 1976, and in 1979 Dakota Wesleyan University awarded him with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Warren's devotion to God was a priority in his life. He served as conference lay leader for the South Dakota Conference and was a member of the South Dakota Conference Committee on Archives and History and the Dakotas Conference Commission on Archives and History. He was a member of the Wakonda United Methodist Church, where he served as lay leader for 60 years.

He was a life member of the American Legion and active in the Wakonda community. He enjoyed singing in community groups, including a male quartet, as well as the church choir. Warren and Lillian enjoyed traveling and visited six continents and all 50 states during their retirement.

Warren is survived by three children: George Kuhler (and wife Deborah), of Huron, S.D., Margaret Peterson (and husband Stevan), of Wakonda, and Karen Trammell (and husband Jeff), of Sioux Falls, S.D.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Ellen Rowley, of Sun City, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lillian, on April 19, 2013; and his brother-in-law, Herbert Rowley.

Official Historic Sites in the Dakotas Conference

- i. First recorded act of public worship in South Dakota (located at the Jedidiah Smith Monument, at Indian Memorial Recreation Area, just northwest of Mobridge)
- ii. Deadwood Cluster, at Deadwood
- iii. First Methodist society in South Dakota, at Vermillion
- iv. Mother church of Methodism in Eastern South Dakota, at Yankton
- v. First Evangelical Center in South Dakota, at Big Stone City
- vi. Home church of John Springer, Bishop of Africa, at the former Hazel UMC in South Dakota
- vii. Second Methodist society in South Dakota, at Richland
- viii. First Methodist church building in South Dakota, at Elk Point
- ix. Chalk rock church, oldest intact Methodist church in South Dakota, at Scotland
- x. Lehr Tabernacle of Evangelicals' Camp Meeting Association, near Lehr
- xi. Zion UMC, earliest Evangelical church and cemetery in North Dakota, at Great Bend
- xii. The former Gladstone UMC, first Methodist church west of the Missouri River in North Dakota
- xiii. Drayton UMC, early Methodist church in North Dakota's Red River Valley