

2009 Community Center and Cooperative Parish Grant Applications

The 2009 funding application from the Let Justice Roll Lead Team, for Community Centers and Cooperatives within the West Ohio Conference is now available. Let Justice Roll will have \$130,000 to award to community centers and cooperative parishes in 2009. If funded, you will receive quarterly payments beginning in March 2009.

A Cooperative Parish is defined in Paragraph 206 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline. **A Community Center** has broad based community support, leadership and partners that extend beyond the congregation. Community Centers generally possess a separate 501-c-3, though most cooperative parishes function under the blanket 501-c-3 granted to the United Methodist Church. *Outreach ministry of a congregation is not eligible for funds through this application unless it also includes broad based community support.*

Completed applications, with all attachments, must be received in our office by 4:30 p.m. September 12, 2008. Incomplete or late applications *will not* be reviewed for funding. Any applications received which do not contain the District Superintendent's evaluation form will be considered incomplete and will not be evaluated.

If you are a 501-c-3 organization, your bylaws must require United Methodist participation on your board of directors to qualify for funding. This provision insures that funding will support the intended purpose of this grant to assist United Methodist Community Centers and Cooperative Parishes.

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If you need assistance please contact Dee Stickley-Miner at the West Ohio Conference office at dstickley@wocumc.org. Thank you for the ministry you do.