National Benevolent Association

November 15, 2017

Rev. James Bisch
15th Avenue Christian Church
3600 15th Ave.
Rock Island, IL 61202

Dear Rev. Bisch,

Greetings! Thank you for your request for grant funding through the National Benevolent Association's Mission and Ministry Grant program. We received many requests for funding and we are impressed by the scope and quality of ministries of care and compassion across the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Your request was given serious consideration and we are pleased to award you a Catalyst Grant in the amount of **$5,000.00** for use with "Educational Purposes for At-Risk Youth and Young Adults" between the ages of 10 - 25 years old through the *Rise Up Project*.

In accepting this Catalyst Grant the NBA requires that you complete the following:

1. **Provide the NBA with an organization logo (jpeg) and/or high-resolution image (300 dpi or higher) related to your ministry by Monday, November 27, 2017.** We will use the logo, images, and your project description on our NBA website to feature your ministry and celebrate you as a recipient of the NBA Mission and Ministry grants. We ask that you email these files to grants@nbacares.org.
2. **In 2018, work with the NBA staff to create and submit a story about your project and the impact your project is having in your local community.** We welcome your creativity in sharing the story which can be submitted in written prose, audio/visual, or video. The NBA looks to foster learning for the whole church about effective health and social service ministries and your story will contribute to that learning. Please anticipate hearing from our NBA staff!
3. **Complete a report and evaluation form by August 15, 2018**. This report will ask you to account for the use of the grant funds and to share information related to your learnings, meaningful impact, and outcomes. We will send you a link by July 15, 2018, to provide you ample time to submit the report and evaluation online.
4. **From time-to-time, the staff of the NBA may be traveling in your area and as we are able, we will contact you and would love to schedule a visit and learn more about your project first hand.** We hope the opportunities arise that we can connect and visit with you in the coming year.

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We are so excited that you are a 2017 recipient of the NBA Mission and Ministry Grants! Our NBA Board of Trustees and staff offer our prayers of abundant success as you implement the programs that these grants will support. If you have any questions related to the grant awards, please feel free to contact us by email at grants@nbacares.org.

With joy,

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