

Local Giving/Community Outreach Request for Proposals

It has become clear that many at Rochester Mennonite Fellowship desire our fellowship to make a greater investment in our local community. Our current corporate involvement in Rochester consists of: 1) Our partnership with PiRI to bring restorative practices to Greater Rochester, and especially to area school districts; and 2) Hosting the Ethiopian Tutoring Program that takes place most Saturdays.

As a fellowship, we are interested in supporting work in our community that aligns with our values of peace and justice. We are considering both a place to invest a portion of our financial resources and also a place to invest our time and talents. Perhaps we will find that one place fits both needs, or perhaps we will find that we invest in one place financially and in another through volunteering.

The following statement reflects the mission of our Outreach Ministry:

The mission of Rochester Mennonite Fellowship's Outreach Ministry is to engage the congregation in service in our community that uses our gifts and talents to meet the felt needs of those we serve. The ministry seeks and supports service opportunities that foster relationships between RMF members and others in the community and that align with our values of peace and justice.

With this in mind, Leadership Team invites members of the fellowship to submit proposals for a project to which we could commit financial resources, human resources or both. Proposals will be reviewed by the Outreach Ministry, who will narrow the choices to 2 or 3 options to be considered at our September congregational meeting. **Proposals are due to Outreach Ministry by July 10.**

Please use the format on the following page to submit your proposal.

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Spring 2016
Due to Outreach Ministry by July 10

A. General Information

1. Who is making this proposal? Please give your name(s) so we may contact you if we have questions. _____
2. What is the name of the organization or project? _____
3. Is this a new project that you wish to start or an existing project? _____
4. If it is an existing project, how long has it been in existence? _____
Does it have a 501(c) 3 designation? Yes / No
5. If it is an existing organization/project, please provide the following
Name of a contact person for the organization/project _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
Web address _____
6. What is your connection to this project or organization?

7. Are you suggesting that we support this organization financially only? ___ In terms of service only? ___ Or both? ___

B. Proposal

1. Briefly describe the organization (or, if this is a new venture you'd like to start, describe the project you envision): What do they do? Who do they serve? What needs do they meet? What is their mission/goal?
2. What might our participation be? (financial, time spent, type of work, number of hours, frequency, etc.)
3. How does this align with our values as a church? (Why do you think this would be a good fit for us?)
4. Feel free to submit additional material you think would be helpful (e.g., newsletter, annual report, brochure)