



**The  
United  
Methodist  
Church World  
Service  
Contingency  
Fund Request**

Agency Name: General Commission on Archives/History, **Gulfside Assem**

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Name of Ministry/Program Requesting Funds: **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History and Advocacy Initiative**

Date of Request: **09/08/2022**

Amount Requested: **\$60,000**

Date approved by Agency Board of Directors:

If not approved by board, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer the questions below. Expand the text boxes as needed to provide the requested information.***

1. Describe how this ministry helps the church fulfill its mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**For 100 years Gulfside Assembly has been an institution of The United Methodist Church dedicated to antiracism education, social justice organizing and leadership development. This legacy continues as Gulfside:**

1. partners with Wesley foundations at UM-related HBCUs to develop Christian leaders,
2. advocates alongside local social service agencies in addressing income and race disparities impacting senior citizens of color in receiving health and social services and
3. collaborates with churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas in sponsoring intergenerational dialogue and strategy work on understanding the historical legacy of segregation and dismantling racism.

**This ministry helps the church fulfill its mission by reminding United Methodists of the history of racial segregation that made the creation of a place like Gulfside necessary and continuing the work of education and advocacy that was begun 100 years ago because racial and social inequity continue to be a reality today. The History and Advocacy Initiative is intended to use the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gulfside to tell our story to many who are not aware of this important history and to expand the reach of our programs to connect with more young people of color throughout the connection who because of the pandemic and ongoing racism need greater educational, mental, emotional and spiritual support in order to be disciples who transform the world.**

2. How does this ministry help increase the number of vital congregations through any of the four areas of focus? (Developing principled Christian leaders, creating new places

for new people and revitalizing existing congregations, engaging in ministry with the poor, and/or improving global health.) If this is a collaborative project with other general church agencies, please describe the collaboration.

**The History and Advocacy Initiative does not directly increase the number of vital congregations; however, it does partner with congregations in developing principled Christian Leaders through the Wesley Leader Incubator (our partnership with UM-related HBCUs) and in engaging in ministry with the poor through our senior education and advocacy work.**

**Gulfside is marking its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with The General Commission on Archives and History as a key partner, because our primary intention is to use the significance of this this UM Heritage Landmark to call the church into remembrance of the racialized history of the church and society and to raise up the next generation of prophetic leaders who will carry on the legacy of resilience, advocacy and faith that have become the values that have sustained Gulfside for 100 years.**

**Beyond a direct connection to the General Commission on Archives and History, Gulfside is no stranger to general agency partnership. This ministry of Gulfside is connected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry as we continue to grow the Wesley Initiative at HBCU's with the input of Dr. Cynthia Bond Hopson. We are also connected to the General Board of Global Ministries through our Church and Community Worker Althea Benson.**

**It is our hope that for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary initiative and with the support of GCAH, that we can gain support with Women United in Faith and the General Commission on Religion in Race on offering antiracism and social justice training, United Methodist Communications on telling the Gulfside story and the General Board of Church and Society in offering organizing training for the students in the Wesley Incubator. We see this support as being primarily technical in nature through the provision of educational resources and training, staff advising and communications tools. The conversations about what's possible have begun and we do not anticipate that the requests will impact the intended uses for the funds requested for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Initiative.**

3. Please state the ministry objective and quantify the anticipated outcomes. Explain the basis for these assumptions.

*Objective: a specific, measurable milestone achieved by following certain steps. Outcomes: Changes in attitudes, behaviors (practices), knowledge, skills and abilities.*

**There are 2 objectives for which we are seeking support through this grant process:**

**1. To preserve and share the history of Gulfside Assembly, a Heritage Landmark of The United Methodist Church, as the denomination faces significant change**

**a. Conferences in each jurisdiction with historical ties to Gulfside will share the documentary materials and host viewing parties where the legacy of segregation and racism in the church can be discussed. These viewing parties will be intergenerational in nature, connecting those senior saints who hold the history of Gulfside to the emerging generation of young activists who will determine its future.**

**b. A presentation at General Conference to raise awareness about Gulfside and to**

*garner support for a rebuilding campaign for a young people's leadership center.*

***2. To expand the Wesley Incubator cohorts currently operating at 5 HBCUs to eventually including all 11 HBCUs. These cohorts are training a new generation of leaders to love God and love neighbor- developing their sense of calling, their meeting facilitation and presentation skills, their awareness and engagement in social justice advocacy connecting their faith with action and their skills in fostering spiritual community with other incubator members.***

4. Is the activity/product/service/mission available within the denomination or provided somewhere other than within the denomination? If so, please explain.

**The mission of Gulfside as a partner in education and advocacy aligns with that of the General Agencies highlighted in this proposal. Coupling the unique history of Gulfside with strategic partnerships with HBCUs, community agencies and local churches makes this work a unique missional outpost of The UMC.**

5. What resources are currently available to your agency and what is the source? What are the excess financial reserves as reported to GCFA on your agency's annual reserves analysis? What resources (expertise, skills, financial) are not currently available?

**N/A**

6. List expected milestones for completion that will be reported annually to the Connectional Table during the quadrennium.

**Completion of historical documentary and review materials – January 2023**

**Watch parties begin February 2023**

**Gulfside 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Campaign Launch – March 2023**

**Wesley Incubator cohorts – August – November 2023 and Jan-April 2024**

7. Identify possible next steps, including legislation, developed for the next General Conference and potential World Service or other budget requests.

**We do not plan to make any other requests**

Please include a detailed budget for this request as a separate attachment and submit this completed document with the detailed budget to Frances Roberts, CT staff at [connectionaltable@umc.org](mailto:connectionaltable@umc.org) and to the convener of the general secretaries, Dawn Wiggins-Hare [dhare@gcsr.org](mailto:dhare@gcsr.org) to be added to the next General Secretaries' meeting agenda. While there is no official approval needed from the General Secretaries' Table, the CT and GCFA recommend that the general secretaries **review** and **discuss** World Service contingency proposals before they are sent to the CT to ensure that the ministry proposals:

- Do not duplicate ministries already funded in another agency;
- Highlight opportunities for stronger collaboration among agencies; and
- Allow agency leaders the opportunity to contribute resources to the identified need.

Please ensure that the proposals are received by the CT no later than 30 days in advance of the next full CT meeting. Please contact the CT office to ensure the meeting dates.

**Grant Reporting Guidelines:**

The Connectional Table requests an annual progress report and a final report at the conclusion of the granting period. Please include the following information in the annual/final reports, along with any additional information relevant to the ministries funded.

- 1) Results (progress) on anticipated outcomes as articulated in the application form.
- 2) Learnings from the past 12 months or, if completed, from the overall project.
- 3) Resulting changes in the project (i.e. scope, direction, new partners, new funding sources, etc.).
- 4) Summary of expenditures.