

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRIES GRANTS UPDATE

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## Grants and Scholarship Opportunities

Young People's Ministries offers two grant opportunities and two scholarships. The **Youth Service Fund (YSF) and Grants for Ministries with Young People** are annual grants offered to program ministries with, by and for young people. The YSF grant money is a percentage of money raised at the church level in the United States and recently the Philippines. The more money that is raised in the churches and sent to the conferences, the more projects we will be able to fund! The money is raised by youth to support ministries designed and implemented by youth. In turn, these programs are to benefit youth. The age requirements are 12-18 yr. olds within the United States and 12-30 yr. olds outside of the United States. The application may be downloaded from our website or requested from the Grants Administrator. It is due June 1st for funding in the following calendar year.

Grants for Ministries with Young People is a similar grant but is funded with World Service Money which is budgeted each year by the Division on Ministries with Young People. This grant is exclusively for United Methodist programs. The age requirements are 12-30 yr. olds, regardless of location.

Applications are due July 1st for funding in the following calendar year.

The Richard S Smith and David W Self Scholarships are for United Methodist high school graduates entering their first year of undergraduate studies. These two scholarships are currently limited to US citizens and/or permanent residents.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- + Make sure you read over the complete list of projects selected for 2009 funding
- + This year our grants funded a total of 31 projects; 13 of those are international projects
- + The Project Review Committee will meet in August, 2009.

The Richard S Smith scholarship is designated for racial/ethnic minority youth only. These applications are also available on our website.

The applications for the above mentioned funding opportunities are available on our website: [www.gbod.org/youngpeople](http://www.gbod.org/youngpeople).

## Learn More about the Grant Recipients

The Division on Ministries with Young People is constructing a new website that will include information on events such as Global Convocation, Youth 2011 and GRANTS! This website will allow the reader to learn more about previous and current grant recipients, where they are, what their accomplishments and goals are, and be able to see pictures of the people involved. We are working toward providing you with more information on how your YSF dollars are being used. This is currently underway. We will keep you up to date on when we go live with the grants portion of the website. Thank you for all your continued support.



## THESE ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF A FEW PROJECTS SELECTED THAT ARE RECEIVING FUNDS IN 2009



### Motown Mission Cleans Up Detroit

The Motown Mission is a Youth Service Fund Project that provides youth with an opportunity to strengthen their faith journey by being surrounded by a diverse community. Motown Mission takes youth to the metro Detroit area five days a week. During this time, they will be doing ministries such as gardening, outreach to the homeless and building/restoring homes. There will be Bible studies, arts and crafts, music, clothing/food distribution, etc. The youth participating stay in dorm-style rooms at the Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Spiritual Development is another very important area to this project. "The program helps the youth learn to build a community of support through worship and outside speakers", says program director Carl Gladstone. Motown Mission partners with different groups throughout the week to work and learn about the diversity of Detroit. One of the goals for the project is to develop a relationship with organizations that do similar work in the community in order to increase the area that they currently serve. They received \$7,500 for 2009.

### Youth Ministry Partnership in Nashville, TN

The Blakemore and West Nashville UMC have a partnership here in Tennessee known as Blake'ville. They share a youth director and have recently been investing time into relationships with a group of youth from the East Nashville YMCA known as Magness Potter. The Blake'ville church, Magness Potter and YMCA have a partnership that is working to provide leadership and teaching opportunities in the community through service projects, Bible studies and fundraisers. Trinity UMC has also joined the mix to help challenge and encourage youth in their daily lives.



### Kennesaw State University Makes a Difference

2009 brings change to the Wesley Foundation at the Kennesaw State University campus. They have plans to expand their ministry through developing new programs and by collaborating with other organizations to reach out to students through Bible studies and discipleship. They are hoping to continue to have an impact at the university. The Wesley Foundation has been entirely student driven since the 2006-2007 school year. This is the second year for KSU to receive funding for their program called Campus Focused Program of AGAPE Evangelism. They are receiving \$13,000 to go toward their strategic evangelism/discipleship program for 2009. KSU is a Grants for Ministries with Young People project.



## HOW ARE GRANTS SELECTED?

Each year a committee of youth and young adults come together in Nashville to review and select the projects they think are most deserving of grant money. It is a very detailed process where the committee ranks and discusses each application that meets the criteria of either the Youth Service Fund grant or the Grants for Ministries with Young People. This selection process takes place during or before the annual division meeting at the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD). It is very informative and helps the committee see the difference they can make in the lives of people all over the world. In the past, projects ranging from an after-school mural program in Kansas to a community center in Kenya have received money to make a difference. Our grant selection process is just one of the ways young people's voices can be heard. We challenge you to give, as you are able, to support the people who are working to help the community and reach out to those in need.

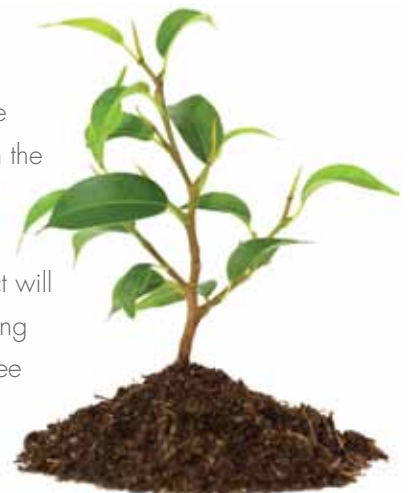
## Kenya Deaf School Receives funding for 3rd Year

There is estimated to be 3,000 deaf youth in Nairobi. The Immanuel Deaf Youth Outreach Program is a youth-centered faith-based project. It functions as a non-profit organization and draws its members from the deaf congregations within Immanuel Church and community. It is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, which has the largest deaf population living in community. The organization was established in 2004 by a group of deaf youth members who were determined to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the deaf community and improve the quality of living standards. The majority of deaf youth in Kenya do not attend any church services at all, nor are ministered to, visited or cared for spiritually. This project reaches out to the deaf community by door-to-door fellowship, rural deaf church ministry and developing materials for signing. The Immanuel Deaf youth project is 100% youth-led. One way

the Immanuel Deaf Youth Outreach program has used the Youth Service Fund grant in the past was a building training which had 13 lessons including an introduction to the Bible, marriage & family life, Bible stories, and drama presentations. The youth members were required to take a final exam. A graduation ceremony was held for the members that passed the exam. The youth members were actively involved in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the building training. In 2009, the Deaf Youth Outreach plans to use the funding to help teach school through sign language in addition to other outreach programs. The deaf school also partners with the Kenyan Sign Language Project that received one of our Grants for Ministries with Young People. This project works with surrounding churches to provide sign language manuals and teachings to the deaf community.

## Yei Youth Tree Planting Project Changes Lives

The Yei Youth Tree Planting Project is found in southern Sudan. The focus of this project is to have youth plant trees on individual plots of land and sell parts of the trees to youth or other people in the surrounding area. This will generate income from utilizing the different parts of the tree. Some of the project objectives are to conserve the environment, generate income, stop soil erosion and encourage the timber industry to create more jobs. Since timber is scarce in the area, the project will help expand that area of work. The Yei Youth group is made up of 100 youth. There is an existing committee which is comprised of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and three executive members. They were funded \$4,500. Yei Youth is an YSF project.





Young People across the globe are a part of Young People's Ministries. It is also recognized as the Division on Ministries with Young People (DMYP). The Division is part of the General Board of Discipleship (GBOD), located in Nashville, TN. The DMYP was created to give young people the opportunity to live as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ. In addition to working with youth, young adults and adults working with young people, the division also offers scholarship and grant opportunities. These opportunities are very important for high school graduates entering college and groups starting new ministries with little or no resources. For other general information, please email [youngpeople@gbod.org](mailto:youngpeople@gbod.org).

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