

Membership Assistance Program (Revised 7-2007)

1. The Membership Assistance Program of Mt Mitchell United Methodist Church has been established to help members of the church who may need financial aid because of sickness, tragedy, or some other circumstance which has caused financial difficulty.
2. Money for the Member Assistance Program is to be raised by free will by those who pledge to give \$1.00 or more per month and by persons or groups who desire to make a contribution of any amount.
3. The Administrative Council shall administer the Membership Assistance Program.
 - a. If appropriate, a small group of Council members could be created so that the applicant's unfortunate needs are not subject to everyone's judgment.
4. Guidelines for the Membership Program:
 - a. Any information regarding a membership need should be relayed to the Chairperson of the Administrative Council by anyone recognizing a problem. The Administrative Council or the designated committee shall study the need very thoroughly and check into the details of the need.
 - b. The Administrative Council may approve an amount up to \$250.00 to be granted to a needy person from the Membership Assistance Program.
 - c. If the amount to be given exceeds \$250.00, the Administrative Council shall determine if the amount over \$250.00 shall come from the church budget or the Membership Assistance Program.
 - d. The total amount given by the Administrative Council may be given in a lump sum or, as in general cases, remittances are made to outstanding bills.
 - e. All monies from the Membership Assistance Program shall be dispensed by the Church Treasurer who will keep them in a separate fund.
 - f. An accounting of funds shall be made annually to the Administrative Council.

Application for Membership Assistance Program Aid

Recipient Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Cause of Need: _____

Has the applicant received prior assistance from the church? _____

If so, how much? _____

Submitted by: _____