

“The Road Less Traveled”

Marquette District 2010 Project Direction Communication Grant

Purpose

To enable and maximize digital communication (video conferencing) within our widely dispersed Marquette District (and secondarily the greater Conference as a whole); reducing the need for lengthy travel through our Methodist connection -- bringing about reduced travel costs, time commitments, and more attractive opportunities for participation.

Scope

“*The Road Less Traveled*” will reimburse a charge (or pastor) 50% of the total cost of a new laptop computer (or desk top if church is wired for DSL) that is capable of using Adobe Connect and Skype for conferencing. This includes any headsets, conferencing cameras, or other equipment needed to facilitate active communication.

It does not include ongoing costs of DSL (cable) connections.

The maximum available reimbursement is \$600.

Eligibility

“*The Road Less Traveled*” is available to those charges (or pastors of charges) who have participated fully in the connection through their 2009 District apportionments.

The maximum grant is available to either the charge or appointed pastor.

- If purchased by the pastor, computer and equipment is considered personal property upon re-appointment.
- If purchased by the charge, disposition of equipment upon reappointment is at the discretion of the congregation. (*It's always better to be clear about this up front. These grant monies will be available only once.*)

While it is anticipated that funds will be available for all who desire to participate, the caveat that requests will be honored in the order they are received and the District reserves the right distribute grants to the extent that funds are available – is offered.

Procedure

Benefit will result from the initiative of the local charge or its pastor.

Think about how this can best be utilized by those involved in district or conference leadership.

Once a decision on what's needed has been made – find your best deal!

The less money you spend, the less it costs you!

Following purchase, send a short letter of request (include who should be reimbursed) to the District Office with copies of invoices and receipts by **August 15th, 2010.**

Reminder: This is a 50% reimbursement (max. \$600), per charge that has fully participated in our District connection.

Send to: Marquette District Office

111 E. Ridge St.

Marquette, MI 49855

Attn: “*The Road Less Traveled*”

Questions should be directed to Rev. Scott Harmon (*Escanaba, Central*)

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