



## Advance Special Application Policy/Process

**Agencies and Ministries requesting Conference Advance status for the Wisconsin Annual Conference must first understand what qualifies as an Advance - see Paragraph 655 in the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.**

### **Policy/Process**

*Conference Advance Specials must be United Methodist or a partner with the United Methodist Church (UMC). They must be in agreement with the following tenants of the United Methodist Church. Are you achieving/accomplishing these tenants and how?*

- Work on leadership development in the Church
- Develop indigenous ministries and congregations
- Partner with the poor to alleviate and end poverty
- Implement a global health initiative

Advances are “second mile” giving. Advances are designated by the *Book of Discipline* as projects located within the bounds of the Conference.

Agencies are asked to submit fiscal goals and a budget with this application. The amount raised depends on “second mile” giving by churches or individuals. Advances are not part of apportionments or the Conference budget.

Conference Advances will be designated by their agency/ministry name.

Having Conference Advance status permits an agency or ministry to solicit donations from all churches in the Conference. Without Advance Special status, this type of fund raising is not allowed.

Agencies/ministries need to recognize that Conference Advance donations are raised through the efforts of each agency/ministry. The Conference Mission Motivation Committee or the designated agent of the Conference will help promote approved programs in order to obtain financial support from the churches.

Conference Advance is reviewed by the Mission Motivation Team of the Wisconsin Board of Global Ministries and approved by Board of Global Ministries. Agencies/ministries must apply for Advance status by completing the application of endorsement.

All agencies/ministries must have their own 501(c)3 status.

Approval will be for a \_\_\_\_\_ year period. The Mission Motivation Team reserves the right to remove an agency/ministry.

Applications for Advance Specials will be approved at the discretion of the Conference Mission Motivation Team. Please send applications to the Conference office.

Submit completed applications by January 15, 2012 to the Conference Mission Coordinator.