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UPDATE: DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 2023

Bishop Forrest C. Stith 2023 Grant Application Now available

Contact: Ms. Carol Travis, Executive Assistant: 301-908-6501

for more information

The African American Methodist Heritage Center, Inc. (AAMHC) is now accepting applications for the Bishop Forrest C. Stith Grant for preservation of the history of United Methodist African American congregations. The \$5,000 award is named for retired Bishop Forrest C. Stith, the Center's first president and current President Emeritus who retired from the Board in 2011.

Here's how to apply:

The successful candidate must submit an application in English to include the following:

- Biographical information
- A description of the project, including its significance, what resources will be used, and how it will be made available to the public, no more than 3 pages.
- A timeline for the project, including the expected date of completion.
- A budget.
- A description of how the results will be disseminated.
- Three letters of recommendation in English from persons who can attest to applicant's ability to complete project.

Submitted proposals should be postmarked no later than June 30, 2023. Grant recipients will be announced and notified by July 31, 2023

Purpose and Eligibility: To provide support for local United Methodist African American congregations doing/planning innovative ways to recover, preserve and/or present their histories; or to individuals doing historical research or projects on African Americans in Methodism. Funds may not be used for equipment, or researchers' salary.

Awards: The grant is available every other year, and applicants may re-apply if not chosen. An evaluation must be submitted within one year of receiving the grant.

How the recipients are chosen: Selection is made by a committee consisting of at least three persons--one member of the Board of Trustees of the African American Methodist Heritage Center, one person from the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) and one other person who has exhibited knowledge and interest in church history.

Evaluation: An evaluation of the project must be submitted within 12 months of the date of notification of the award of the grant. If the project extends beyond 12 months, an evaluation must be submitted within the next 12 months providing the status of the project and a final evaluation must be submitted upon completion of the project.

Upon completion of the project, the grantee must provide a copy of the final product which will be deposited with the archives of the African American Methodist Heritage Center (AAMHC). The AAMHC may send copies to United Methodist general agencies, as appropriate. In consultation with the African American Methodist Heritage Center, the author will retain control of the permission for the product to be quoted.

Submit materials electronically(preferred) to aamhc@aol.com, Ms. Carol L. Travis, Executive Assistant, or by postal mail as listed below.

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