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Bishop Forrest C. Stith Grant

Submission Deadline July 31, 2017

Bishop Forrest C. Stith was one of the founding members of the African American Methodist Heritage Center. (AAMHC), and served as the first President. He led the Center through many years of successful service to the denomination and beyond. He retired in 2011 and accepted the title of President Emeritus.

Purpose and Eligibility: To provide a grant to 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. The grant money is not to be used for equipment, or researchers' salary.

Awards: A grant totaling \$5000 will be available every other year. Applicants may re-apply after not being approved in any given year. 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 3 persons, one member of the Board of Trustees of the African American Methodist Heritage Center, one person from General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) and one other person who has exhibited knowledge and interest in church history.

How to apply: The candidate must submit an application in English which includes 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
- A timeline for the project, including the expected date of completion
- A budget
- An indication of how the results will be disseminated

The candidate must submit three letters of recommendation in English from persons who can provide evidence of his/her capacity.

Submitted proposals should be postmarked no later than **July 31, 2017**. Grant recipients will be announced by **October 2, 2017**.

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 via postal mail, or to aamhc@aol.com

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