

SHARK TANK:

Passion into Action

PROJECT APPLICATION

Objective:

Applicants present their vision for a mission they are passionate about to a panel of “sharks,” seeking funding to help bring their projects to fruition.

Procedure:

1. **Application** – Applications may be submitted by women of any age that regularly attend or are members of Mentor UMC or by female or male youth/children preschool through 12th grade that are members or regular attendees of Mentor UMC. Applications and/or presentations may be made by an individual or a team working as partners. **Application deadline is October 10 at 4pm**, via email or print copy returned to church office.
2. **Screening and selection** – A number of projects will be selected for presentation in “the tank” based on the number of applications received and available funds. Projects must also meet the following criteria:
 - a. Projects must benefit women, children and/or youth.
 - b. Projects must comply with the Social Principles and Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.
 - c. Projects/programs/organizations must not discriminate based on faith, ethnicity, race, or gender.
 - d. Applicant(s) or a representative must be able to appear in person at the November 12 event to present their project if selected.

Applicants will be notified by October 20 if their project has been selected to appear in “the tank.”

3. **Presentation** – Applicants selected will appear in “the tank” Sunday, November 12, 3:00-4:30pm in Mentor UMC Fellowship Hall to make their pitch and answer questions about their proposed project. Presentations may include photos and videos to be projected on the screen as well as other static displays or props to help support the verbal presentation.
4. **Table display** – Participants will create a table display for people attending the event to browse to acquaint themselves with the project. A collection device will be made available for people attending to offer additional monetary donations to a project.
5. **Funding** – Projects will be funded according to the “sharks” consensus for full amount requested, none, or some partial amount. Maximum amount that may be requested is \$500.
6. **Fulfillment** – Arrangements will be made between Mentor United Methodist Women and the participants to disburse the funds to the appropriate projects/agencies.

Please complete the application and submit to Carole Ring via email at umw@mentorumc.org or to the Mentor UMC church office in an envelope with “Shark Tank: Passion into Action, Attention: Carole Ring” on the envelope. **Application deadline is October 10 at 4pm.**

If you have questions, please contact Carole Ring at umw@mentorumc.org or 440-255-7213.

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Please use black or blue ink and print legibly.

Individual or team contact details:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone Number: _____ Member of Mentor UMC Attend Regularly (12+ annually)

I am a: Female adult K-12 Student Preschooler If working as a team, number on team: _____

Project details:

Project title: _____

List if personal project or give name of organization or agency project is a part of: _____

Funding amount requested (up to \$500 maximum): _____

Please feel free to attach responses on a separate sheet if typed or if additional space is needed.

Project outline and objective:

Why are you passionate about this project/cause?

What steps/resources are needed to achieve your objective? How would the funds be used?

How will this project benefit women, youth, and/or children?

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