

## ***\*\*Frequently Asked Questions\*\****

### ***What is Sheaves for Christ?***

Sheaves for Christ is a General Youth Ministries effort by which funds are raised to support many different divisions within the United Pentecostal Church International. The General Youth Ministries allocates Sheaves for Christ monies each year to North American Missions, who then collectively offers church planters property assistance only.

### ***What types of grants are available and how may the funds be used?***

Property grants are available, and can be used to remodel presently owned property, purchase property, purchase a building, or build new construction. SFC property grants cannot be used to pay rent or a lease. Property must be titled in the church's name.

### ***Where can I find a Sheaves for Christ Application?***

Sheaves for Christ applications are available through North American Missions online at [www.northamericanmissions.faith](http://www.northamericanmissions.faith) **\*\*NOTE\*\*** Even though Sheaves for Christ is a Youth Ministries campaign, applications are ONLY available through North American Missions.

### ***When are Sheaves for Christ applications due?***

Sheaves for Christ campaigns begin in the spring of each year. Applications are due to North American Missions by August 15<sup>th</sup>. This allows time for the application to be processed prior to being considered by the General Youth Ministries at General Conference.

### ***How does one apply for this financial support?***

Applicants must fill out a Sheaves for Christ application - completely and accurately for consideration. The church must be affiliated, and the applicant must be a member of the United Pentecostal Church International. Also, the application must have the signatures of the District Superintendent, District North American Missions Director, and the District Youth President in the district where the church is located.

***What is the maximum amount of funding available through a Sheaves for Christ Grant?*** A total of \$25,000.00 is the maximum amount available. Church planters are eligible to apply for up to ten years from the church's established date until the \$25,000.00 limit is reached.

### ***What is the responsibility of my district in regard to my application?***

1. The District Executive Committee is responsible for reviewing, approving and signing the application.
2. When the application pertains to the purchasing of property, it is the responsibility of the District North American Missions Executive Committee to investigate and inspect the property, check city regulations and all other matters related to the property.
3. Since funds cannot be invested in property held in the name of an individual, it is recommended that the district assist the missionary in selecting the church trustees if there are none. The significance of trustees, their importance and the process for selecting them should be discussed with the missionary when he is approved to start a new work or before the property is purchased.
4. A standard lien attachment is developed by each district in harmony with the laws of each state or province. The procedure should be kept simple and free of unnecessary encumbrances. The lien attachment applies to all North American Missions churches and includes Sheaves for Christ property grants, Christmas for Christ property grants, Church-In-A-Day property loans, property appropriations from district funds, and all other sources of funds allocated.
5. It is necessary that the district officials take the initiative to set the church in order as soon as possible according to the current issue of the Manual of the United Pentecostal Church International.

### ***What is required for the submission of an application?***

The completed application, a clear updated picture of the church planter and family, pictures of the building or land to be purchased, and/or copy of contract for land or building purchase. (\*\*Items sent will depend on the type of request\*\*)