



LEEAP Committee Report – 2024

LEEAP (Local Evangelism, Envisioning, And Planting)

This committee has been charged with engaging in the evangelistic mission of the Illinois Conference and inviting all people to become disciples of Jesus Christ through new church development and existing church revitalization. The LEEAP Committee of the Illinois Conference is to assess and determine the distribution of specifically allocated Conference funds designated for church growth and revitalization. This is an ongoing, Spirit-led process of “planting” new churches and renewing existing churches. We are doing the work of the Spirit in bringing the message of Jesus to our communities in a relevant, meaningful way for our particular time and place. In recent years the available funding has been between \$75,000 and \$200,000. This year (2024) only \$35,000.

The committee consists of six (6) faithful members throughout the Illinois Conference and meet every second Tuesday of the month at 6pm virtually.

The LEEAP grant cycle opened up on August 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. In hopes of disbursing funding by the end of 2024 or the beginning of 2025. Our hope is to get as many churches as possible expressing a need to support this year’s funding and the push for more funding in the next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kim Shelton, LEEAP Chairperson