

## **Dover Connections Project**

### **Grant Guidelines Effective January 1, 2011**

**The Purpose:** Dover Baptist Association awards Dover Connections Project Grants to advance the cause of connecting people to Christ through helping churches begin new ministries or expand upon an existing ministry established in conjunction with the Dover Connections Project. By "ministries," the association means any effort or program that a Dover congregation feels led to begin or expand upon with the goal of showing unchurched people God's love in its community context, connecting them to Christ and to the congregation. To qualify as a new ministry, the effort or program must represent a new way for the applying church to help people know God's love or a new way for the congregation to connect to new people, even if other churches have tried similar efforts or programs.

**Who Makes the Decision?** The Dover Connections Team reviews all grant applications. Applying does not guarantee approval. The team will approve grants that, in the judgment of its members, fulfill the purpose of the grant.

**How Much Does the Association Give?** The team will award one grant per church of \$2500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars), to aid in the cost of the new ministry or to expand upon a new ministry already established in conjunction with the Dover Connections Project. It will award available funds on a first come, first served basis.

**How to Apply:** Any Dover church or mission may apply. To apply, the church or mission should send a letter of request indicating:

- A). A detailed plan or description of the new ministry or existing ministry being expanded, including the cost, follow up plan and when the congregation will begin the new ministry.
- B). The congregation's vote to participate in the Dover Connections Project. (Each participating church should already have the completed covenant on file in the Dover office needed for grant approval).

**Additional Information:** The Dover Connections Team will act within sixty days of receiving the request, the applying church must have their grant request in to the Dover office by September 1, 2011 and start their new ministry by September 30, 2011 or the grant will expire. Once the Dover Connections Team has approved the grant request the church will receive the money for its new ministry. The team may consider exceptions to these guidelines as requested. These guidelines will remain in effect until they are amended by either the Dover Connections Team or the Association or until the end of the Dover Connections Project, whichever comes first.