

Benevolence Program

The Benevolence Program is designed to support ITSDA Church members/families that have documented needs. Non-members requiring assistance are encouraged to take advantage of local, county and state resources, and ITSDA Community Services and Soup Kitchen.

Guidelines

The amount ultimately depends on available funds, however, the current board approved amount is \$500 maximum per request. The Benevolence Account is not supported by the Local Church Budget. The funds are sourced from Prayer Meeting Offerings, Communion Poor Fund Offerings and direct member contributions.

Funds are only available to assist with lodging expenses (e.g., mortgage, rent) and utility expenses (e.g., water, electricity, gas). An individual/family is limited to two requests per 12-month period.

Requests should be presented to the Pastor or First Elder. The request should include the appropriate documentation, e.g., mortgage statement, lease agreement, utility bill. Requests are considered by the Benevolence Committee which consists of the Pastor, First Elder and Treasurer. All funds are distributed by the treasurer, via check. Checks can not be made payable to the individual/family, they must be made payable to the vendor.

Other

ITSDA Church members might also be asked to contribute to a special Member Assistance offering. Such offerings are on an as needed basis, and all funds collected are submitted to the designated ITSDA Church member/family. Requests should be submitted to the Pastor or First Elder.