

Benevolence Committee and Benevolence Fund FAQs

What is the WCC Benevolence Committee's mission?

The mission of the WCC Benevolence Committee is to prayerfully advance God's Kingdom by serving people within WCC and the surrounding community through Christ-centered relationships and by providing short-term financial support for those in need.

Why was the Benevolence Committee formed? What is its purpose?

The Benevolence Committee was formed to oversee the disbursement of monies from the various funds that fall under the WCC Care Fund umbrella. The committee has oversight of the following funds:

FUND	FUND DESCRIPTION
Addiction and Housing Fund	Monthly payments to WCC community partners that provide support and programming to address addiction and housing issues. May also include payments on behalf of individuals for recovery counseling, as approved by the Benevolence Committee.
Benevolence Fund	Discretionary short-term financial support for individuals or families in need. Funding requests are submitted by WCC congregational or staff members on behalf of the individual or family in need. Funding requests are approved by the Benevolence Committee.
Community Care Fund	Discretionary short-term financial support for local residents and families who request help in the forms of gas cards, groceries, rent, etc. Payments are approved by WCC's care pastors. The Benevolence Committee reviews payments on a quarterly basis and approves requests for fund replenishment.
Community Hardship Fund	Monthly payments to preapproved WCC community partners that provide support and programming to local residents in need.
Orphans and Vulnerable Children Fund	Payments to preapproved WCC community partners that support orphaned and vulnerable children. Also includes payments to or on behalf of families to assist with adoption costs. Funding requests are approved by the Benevolence Committee.

Who sits on the Benevolence Committee?

The Benevolence Committee is made up of an eight-person panel and consists of four WCC staff members and four active members of the WCC church body.

What is the purpose of the recently restructured Benevolence Fund?

The Benevolence Fund is a tool available to WCC congregational and staff members as they pursue and form Christ-centered relationships within the community. The ability to provide financial support to those in need can be an important way to show God's love in tangible ways. The purpose of the Benevolence Fund is to help provide that support.

Who can request a disbursement from the Benevolence Fund?

WCC congregational and staff members can request a disbursement from the benevolence fund on behalf of a potential recipient.

What is the process to request funds?

The WCC congregational or staff member who is advocating for a potential recipient can initiate the process by sending an email to wccbenevolence@warsaw.cc or by contacting a WCC Benevolence Committee member directly. The advocate must gather information and documentation then submit the request to the Benevolence Committee. Committee members are available to prayerfully guide and coach advocates through the process.

How are funds dispersed from the Benevolence Fund?

Benevolence Funds are disbursed upon unanimous approval from the WCC Benevolence Committee. A quorum of members (five or more) must be present when the vote takes place.

Who qualifies to receive benevolence funds?

Members of the WCC church body and local residents may qualify to receive benevolence funds. WCC community partners and local nonprofit organizations may also qualify to receive financial support from other funds under the WCC Care Fund umbrella.

Who can I contact for additional information on the Benevolence Fund or Committee?

For additional information on the Benevolence Committee or the Benevolence Fund, send an email to wccbenevolence@warsaw.cc, or contact Andrea Payton, WCC Controller, at apayton@warsaw.cc or 574-527-5490.