

CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIAL REQUEST FORM and COVENANT

Agencies and Ministries requesting **Conference Advance Special** status for the Upper New York Annual Conference must first understand what a Conference Advance Special is. (See Paragraph 656 in the [*2016 Book of Discipline*](#).)

1. Conference Advance Specials, by Discipline, are projects located within the bounds of the annual conference. (Ministry may be done beyond the bounds of the conference, but the project's fiscal agency must reside within these bounds.)
2. Advance Special giving is "second mile" giving. This means that churches need to be on track to pay all *apportioned* conference benevolences before making contributions to an Advance Special.
3. Agencies requesting an amount for an Advance Special are not guaranteed that the amount will be raised and available. It is not budgeted by the conference. The amount raised depends on "second mile" giving by churches or individuals. Conference Advance Specials are not part of *Apportionments or the Conference Budget*.
4. Each Conference Advance Special is assigned a number and churches receive mission credit if they donate by the Conference Advance Special number through the Conference Treasurer. New numbers will be assigned to any new Conference Advance Specials.
5. Having Conference Advance Special status permits an agency or ministry to solicit donations from all churches in the conference. Without Conference Advance Special status, this type of fund raising is not allowed. (Think of it like a fishing license that does not guarantee that you will catch any fish, but you need it in order to fish.)
6. Agencies/Ministries need to recognize that Conference Advance Special donations are raised only through the effort and hard work of each agency/ministry. It is up to the agency/ministry to promote its programs in order to obtain financial support from the churches.
7. Conference Advance Special status is approved by the Annual Conference at the recommendation of the Global Ministries Team. Agencies/Ministries must apply for Conference Advance Special status by completing the Request Form and Covenant.
8. Approval will be to the end of the Quadrennium. The Global Ministries Team reserves the right to remove an Agency/Ministry that is not supported by any conference churches.
9. Applications for ministries to become Conference Advance Specials will be accepted each year. Applications this year must be received by March 1, 2024 in order to be reviewed by the Global Ministries Team for recommendation to the Annual Conference. Email questions to Jeff Childs at revchilds@hotmail.com.