**New and Emerging Ministries Grant Request**

Grants are provided from the Emerging Ministries Fund to manage “*general financial support for new congregations and emerging ministries, including: compensation for church planters and ministry leaders; and grants to support start-up, operating, and specific ministry costs.”*

Funding priority for congregation or RCC-based ministries will generally be given for the exploration phase or for start-up support for the missional aspect of a ministry, rather than compensation and benefits for ministry leaders, support staff, or ongoing operating budget needs.

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| **Congregation**  **or Organization:** | |
| **Contact Person:** | **Address:** |
| **Preferred Phone:** | **Email Address:** |
| **Requested Funding:** | **Total of ALL funding needed for ministry:** |
| **Which of these best describes the type of ministry you are developing?**  **🞎** Will remain connected to and part of a congregation or regional conference of churches.  🞎 May begin as congregation (or RCC) based but may become more free-standing.  🞎 Designed from the start to be a “fresh expression” of church – a community of word and  sacrament, formal membership, and called or appointed pastoral leadership. | |
| **Which kind of grant are you seeking?**  **🞎 Encouragement grant**: one-time grant given to congregations and RCCs to support developing what are essentially new mission projects aimed at serving others (not necessarily expecting those served to join the congregation or community of faith). These grants may be for up to $1,000.  **🞎 Exploration grant:** one-time grant provided to congregations, RCCs, or teams developing what might be labeled “missional communities” (connected to a congregation or RCC), or a “fresh expression” of church (free-standing communities of word and sacrament). These grants may be for up to $2,500.  **🞎 Empowerment grant:** an ongoing start-up grant to missional communities or fresh expressions of church for their start up and development. These grants are paid over a four-year period, subject to review and a renewal decision by the NEMT on an annual basis. These grants may be for up to $34,375, provided over four years. | |
| **Each grant application must be accompanied by a written Ministry Plan that provides information about each of the keywords on the back of this application. Please see the “Guidelines for New and Emerging Ministries” for further information.** | |

**New and Emerging Ministry Plan -- Keywords**

*(Based on the Guidelines for New and Emerging Ministries)*

**New:**

In a single sentence, what is the new group of people you intend to reach (either under-represented, or not represented within the current membership, affinity groups, or sphere of the church)?

How /why is what you will be doing significantly different from ministries that currently exist?

**Emerging:**

What form or shape do you see this new ministry taking?

How is this emerging from within, in partnership with or connection to an existing expression of church?

**Guiding Principles**

How will this new work demonstrate the following guiding principles?

**Missional** – Joining God’s mission by going to those not currently served by any church.

**Contextual** – Grounded in the language and culture of the people in their particular context.

**Formational** – Focused on discipling people in the way of Jesus.

**Ecclesial** – *[If this is a fresh expression of church]* Forming a local, tangible Christian community able to ”be church” in its own right.

**Development**

Describe the following key elements of your **Ministry Plan**:

**Leadership** The character, capabilities and competencies of key leaders are being assessed and affirmed, to help ensure the success of the venture.

**Sustainability** There is an adequate plan to support ongoing development and missional activity over time which includes becoming:

**Financially self-supporting**, and where possible contributing financially to the wider mission and ministry of the Province.

**Self-governing**, with a defined leadership and organization to support its activities within the overall governance of the Southern Province.

**Self-reproducing**, with plans for growth in itself (addition), but also the potential for launching and supporting other, new and emerging ministries (replication or multiplication).

**Accountability** There are decision-making structures and processes, an identified leadership team, and a reporting mechanism to its various stakeholders (participants, church partners, oversight groups etc.) that provide feedback and guidance in achieving its mission.

**Collaboration** There are collaborative relationship with identified church partners and oversight groups about their mission, development, decisions and direction.

**Discernment** There is a shared process to seek God’s will, direction and priorities for a ministry which includes: participants, ministry leadership, partners, and oversight groups.

**Questions, need help, or ready to submit an application?**

**Contact a member of the New and Emerging Ministries Team or the PEC Office.**