

Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

New Ministries Grant Application

New Ministry grants serve as “seed money” to help start new ministries at Grace Lutheran Church or within other recognized arms of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Eligible ministries are organized, sustained efforts or initiatives to advance, promote, or serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This would include preaching, teaching, and proclaiming the Word of God through any available medium or serving the needs of others in the name of Christ. To qualify as “new,” a ministry should be significantly different in concept or approach from any ministry the sponsoring organization is currently carrying out or that it has carried out within the last three years. New ministry grants are awarded based upon likely effectiveness in advancing the cause of Christ, degree and breadth of participation by members of Grace Lutheran Church, creativity, and likelihood of achieving self-sufficiency within three years.

On the following application form, please provide all requested information. For the project narrative section, please provide a brief narrative description of your proposed project. Projects are evaluated by the New Ministries Team based on the following criteria:

1. Ordinarily funds would be awarded to a ministry sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church or a recognized arm of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Exceptions will be made only where the proposed New Ministry has extraordinary promise and there are clear assurances that it will be carried out in compliance with the teachings of Grace Lutheran Church and the LCMS.
2. Favorable consideration will be given to the following factors:
 - a. Likely effectiveness in advancing the cause of Christ
 - b. Degree and breadth of participation by members of Grace Lutheran Church
 - c. Creativity
 - d. Likelihood of achieving self-sufficiency within three years

Successful proposals should be sufficiently thorough to clearly answer the following questions:

1. What is the main focus of your project?
2. When will it begin?
3. From where will it operate?
4. How long will it take?
5. How does your project advance, promote, or serve the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Be as specific as possible.
6. What specific goals are you setting for it?
7. To whom is the project directed?
8. Who will lead this project? Who will oversee it?
9. What are its immediate benefits? Its long-term benefits?
10. How will you evaluate your project?
11. How will you know your project is complete?
12. Please provide a detailed project budget—broken down into categories.
13. From what other sources do you anticipate receiving funds?

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Project Title: _____
Date of Application: _____
Sponsoring Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Primary Contact Name: _____
Primary Contact E-Mail: _____
Primary Contact Telephone Number: _____
Alternative Contact Name and Telephone Number: _____
Amount Requested: _____
Project Narrative: _____