

Synod Outreach Fund Grant Application

Sierra Pacific Synod

MISSION

The Fund shall support the outreach ministry of the Sierra Pacific Synod, including, but not limited to: the establishment of new congregations, fresh starts, redeveloping of and/or strengthening of existing ministries within the Synod, and the leadership development of lay and clergy members of the Synod. Primary emphasis shall be given to starting new congregations and fresh starts.

OVERVIEW

The Synod Outreach Fund Committee is committed to supporting the mission of the fund and partnering with congregations who wish to make significant new efforts in advancing the mission and ministry of the Gospel on the territory of the Synod. To this end, the following guidelines will apply in the consideration of applications:

- Grants must be focused on outreach.
- Priority is given to grants requesting seed money for programs which will continue self-sustained upon completion of the funding period.
- The Synod Outreach Fund intends to be partner in the project or program. Priority is given to grants where the requesting congregation provides significant funding for the project.
- All Synod Outreach Fund grants are non-renewable. Multi-year grants, up to three years, will be considered. Multi-year grants are subject to annual review by the Synod Outreach Fund committee.
- Synod Outreach Fund grants shall have a \$20,000 annual limit for each congregation or congregation in development. Each congregation or congregation in development shall have a Synod Outreach Fund lifetime limit of \$75,000.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Once funding is approved, reports on the project shall be submitted to the Synod Outreach Fund committee during three phases of the project or program:

- During initiation of project.
- During implementation of project.
- Upon completion of project.

Two different reports shall be submitted upon completion of the project. One is a formal report for the Synod Outreach Fund committee. The other is a theological reflection on the project, and learning on outreach through the project, for publication within the Synod. Examples include pictures and an article for *PRAXIS* and *CONNECTIONS*, or a video or PowerPoint presentation for Synod Assembly.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications, using the form on the following page, may be submitted at any time. The Synod Outreach Fund committee meets quarterly to consider funding requests. The application may be submitted electronically in word format, mailed or faxed to 510-430-8730.

Alternatively, the application may be mailed to the Synod Outreach Fund Committee at the Synod Office, 401 Roland Way, Suite 215, Oakland, CA 94621. If submitting the application on paper, please feel free to use as much space as necessary and attach relevant documents.

GRANT APPLICATION
Synod Outreach Fund
Sierra Pacific Synod

Sponsoring Congregation (or organization): _____

Pastor or corporate officer: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Date of Application: _____

Sponsoring Congregation's Mission, and the overall mission strategy of the request:

The Mission/Purpose of the Request:

Request's Rationale, including why Synod Outreach funding is being requested:

Total project funding, showing all sources of funds for the project and the total congregational budget: