

Evangelism and Mission Committee

Grant Application Opportunity

The Evangelism and Mission Committee of the Presbytery of San Diego is pleased to announce the availability of two grant-application opportunities, established to help the churches in our presbytery realize their missional goals and potential.

- The first grant fund, totaling 467,840 is available to the churches in the San Diego Presbytery for in New Church Development within our Presbytery. Due to the restriction placed on the fund at the time of its inception, distribution is restricted to NCD use only, as outlined below.
- The second grant fund, totaling 524,867.99 is available to the churches in the San Diego Presbytery for Missional Experimentation—the funding of innovative new mission ventures that will allow your church to discover effective and biblical ways of sharing the gospel, as outlined below.

Applications are now being accepted by the Evangelism and Mission Committee for both of these grant opportunities. The submission deadline for applications is January 31, 2012. Grant funds will be distributed to successful applicants beginning April 2, 2012. We invite you to be bold, creative and entrepreneurial as you envision the mission and ministry God is calling your congregation to undertake. We serve a God who is continually doing a new thing among us—and who invites us to join Him in that work.

You can download an ***Application for Missional Development*** by going to the Presbytery website (<http://www.presbyterysd.org/resources.htm>). You can also obtain an application by calling our Presbytery Office (619-224-2490). Please note that the application deadline listed on that form has been extended through January 31, 2012.

In the words of Mark Twain, “Why not go out on a limb? That’s where the fruit is.”

New Church Development Application Guidelines

- Restricted to New Church Development that will lead to the planting, nurturing, growth, and chartering of a new PC(USA) congregation, with its own session and Pastor, within the boundaries of the San Diego Presbytery.
- Funds will be disbursed and administered in keeping the New Church Development Policy of the Presbytery of San Diego.
- Special consideration will be given to New Church Development projects that focus on reaching out to Non-Anglo populations or bridging cultures.

- The total amount in the New Church Development fund may or may not be granted in the year of 2012 depending on the grant applications and proposals that are submitted.

Missional Experimentation Application Guidelines

- Missional Experimentation funds are to be used to start innovative new mission ventures that will allow your church to discover effective and biblical ways of sharing the gospel with those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.
- Missional Experimentation entails becoming an incarnational, missional community within the context of a traditional church setting.
- Missional Experimentation allows a church to discover effective new ways of sharing the gospel as we live out the message of Jesus outside the four walls of Sunday Christianity.
- All churches in the San Diego Presbytery, regardless of size, are invited—and encouraged—to make application for Missional Experimentation funds. The Evangelism and Mission Committee realizes that what is a large undertaking for a small church might seem trivial to a larger congregation. The important consideration is not the size of the grant applied for, but rather your faithfulness and commitment to the new thing God has placed on the hearts and minds of your congregation.
- Missional Experimentation funds are intended to initiate projects that may or may not require ongoing support from the Presbytery of San Diego.
- Missional Experimentation funds may be disbursed as one lump sum payment, or paid in incremental, goal-based payments, depending on the needs of the project.
- There is no minimum amount you can apply for under the Missional Experimentation category.
- In-kind contributions, such as building space, staff support, and equipment usage can be counted as part of the corresponding funds required for application for Missional Experimentation funds.
- Missional Experiment funds are intended for the benefit of those in our neighborhoods; those within our direct circle of influence. Therefore we ask that your missional endeavor benefit those in your area—and in the Presbytery of San Diego.

- It is the responsibility of the grant recipient to provide an annual written report on the project to the Mission and Evangelism Committee so that we can all learn from your Missional Experiment.
- Special consideration will be given to Missional Experimentation projects that focus on reaching out to Non-Anglo populations or bridging cultures.
- The total amount in the Missional Experimentation fund may or may not be granted in the year of 2012 depending on the grant applications and proposals that are submitted.

Benefits of Missional Development

As we begin to participate in God's mission in a new, exciting way, (both through New church Development and Missional Experimentation) our churches, and our Presbytery, will begin to reap many benefits, which include:

- Expanding God's Kingdom work as we become a life-giving, revitalizing presence in our neighborhoods and reach those outside our traditional circle of influence.
- Reaching the unchurched. Missional communities have more success in reaching those who do not have a church background than churches that are inwardly focused.
- Reaching younger generations and multiple ethnicities.
- Energizing the church involved in Missional Development. Engaging in mission is a key element in revitalizing a declining congregation. People get excited as they see God change lives, and want to devote themselves and their resources to see even more lives touched. As a church participates in mission it is transformed from "survival mentality" to "missional mentality."

Process of Applying For Missional Development Funds

(Applies to both NCD and Missional Experimentation Applications)

1. Listen

- Listen to those who are yet to become followers of Jesus and begin to envision a process of sharing God's love with them through both words *AND* actions.
- Enter into a season of discernment and prayer as you listen for the still small voice of God as he reveals His plan and purpose to you and invites you to join Him in His work of reconciling a lost world to Himself.

2. Write it Down

- Submit an Application and all corresponding documentation to the Evangelism and Mission committee for review and consideration.
- Applications and instructions can be obtained from the San Diego Presbytery website (<http://www.presbyterysd.org/resources.htm>), or by calling the Presbytery Office (619-224-2490). Please note that the submission deadline date has been extended until January 31, 2012.

3. Review

- All applications will be reviewed by the Evangelism and Mission Committee during the months of February and March, 2012.
- Even as the Evangelism and Mission Committee conducts their review, continue to review your vision and plan, confirming that this is indeed the exciting new thing God is placing before your congregation.

4. Share

- The Evangelism and Mission Committee will personally interview applicants for Missional Development grant-funds (both NCD and Missional Experimentation) so that we can better assess your passion, your commitment, and your ability to bring your plans and dreams to fruition.
- We encourage you to share your vision and plan with others. It is by sharing the new thing God is doing through us that our dreams gain momentum.

5. Receive

Funds will be awarded to successful applicants beginning in April 2012. All available funds may not be distributed in 2012, depending on applications/requests received.