

Alberta and Northwest Conference

Mission Support Grant Program

Principles of Mission Guiding the Support of Congregations, Chaplaincies and Community Ministries in Alberta and Northwest Conference

A Checklist for Applicants

Congregations are primary mission units of the church and need to be encouraged, challenged and supported to exercise their mission faithfully. Mission seeks, creates and supports new opportunities and initiatives for ministry – and supports long-term, sustainable and effective ministries. Mission addresses unmet needs in the form of service and care, particularly for the poor, the suffering, the sick and the marginalized. Mission is enacted for empowerment, not dependence, and seeks always to move beyond charity towards addressing the root causes of suffering.

- This application states clear mission goals which are sustainable and meet the criteria appropriate to a Mission Support Grant Application

Signature of Applicant

Presbytery Secretary

Comments:

Mission must be “owned” by all courts of the church to be most effective. Mission priorities are determined in conjunction with the priorities of the Presbyteries and the entire Conference. The use of Mission Support Grant funding will be accompanied by measurable local support by congregations and Presbyteries.

- The Presbytery’s statement outlining the placement of this ministry/ application within the Mission Priorities of the Presbytery appears below (or attached) along with evidence of the Presbytery’s support of the applicant ministry.

Signature of Presbytery Secretary

Mission Support funding is allocated in ways that most effectively promote leadership and used in ways that develop new ministry, extend existing ministry, and sustain ministries through times of transition, reshaping and redevelopment.

This application seeks support for the development of:

- new ministry
- extends existing ministry
- sustains ministry through a time of transition

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Comments:

Ministries that are willing to engage in a “transformational process” to move towards greater health and stability should be encouraged with a range of supports, including Mission Support funding for those that qualify.

Participation in transformational process would include:

- clear mission statement
- five year ministry plan
- measurable criteria for evaluating achievement of a ministry plan
- affirmation by the Presbytery for the ministry’s plan within the context of overall needs and goals and articulated by the Presbytery for the ministries within its bounds

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Presbytery Secretary

Comments:
