

Canada West Mission

Missional Ministries Grant Program

Vision and Purpose:

The purpose and responsibility of each congregation is to be a living witness of the gospel message of Jesus Christ to the community in which the church resides. As such, a missional church demonstrates a desire and willingness to respond to God's plan to infuse sacred community in the world. To support and empower congregations in their efforts to be this living witness, this Missional Ministries Grant Program has been established to support congregational emphases directed toward missional ministries that will lead to growth (spiritual, increased discipleship, numerical) in the congregation. It is the vision of the CWM leadership that these funds will assist congregations to respond to how God is calling each congregation to live out mission and share the peace of Jesus Christ.

Missional ministries should support:

- ◆ Ministries that reach out to the community
- ◆ Joint projects between the congregation or clusters and community services that address the wounded and disadvantaged
- ◆ Peace and justice focused ministries in the community
- ◆ Resources (can include special equipment, stipends) for ministries designed for children, youth, young adults, or seniors
- ◆ Alternative worship/music styles designed for the unchurched
- ◆ Small groups/Covenant Group ministries
- ◆ Training and education directed toward inviting, gathering, and sending/serving ministries

Grant Guidelines:

1. Proposals can be submitted by any congregation or cluster of congregations in the mission centre.
2. Grant applications will be accepted twice each year in the spring and fall (contingent on available resources). *The deadline for the fall period will be October 15th and for the spring, March 15th.* Congregations or clusters are eligible to apply for grants once per year.
3. Grant proposals must demonstrate a clear connection to missionary/outreach ministries.
4. Proposals should demonstrate a clear connection to a congregational vision and the *5 Mission Initiatives* focus.
5. Grants will be provided on a matching basis when possible. This means that a congregation or cluster will contribute up to 50% of the total costs of the grant. Provisions will be made for congregations that do not have the available funds to share in the matching relationship. It is expected that "in-kind" (non-monetary) support will be provided by the congregation.
6. This grant program is not designed for capital improvement (building projects or to improve existing structures), utilities, or funding of special trips.
7. Those who receive grants will be required to submit a progress report to be shared at mission centre conference or through mission centre newsletters.
8. A Grant Review Team (members appointed by the mission center leadership) will be responsible for reviewing grants and making selections.
9. At the end of the grant, a report summarizing the accomplishments and learned insights will be submitted to the Mission Centre Leadership Team

Application form:

The application form can be submitted electronically to Stephen Thompson steve@communityofchrist.ca

MISSIONAL MINISTRIES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Congregation or Cluster Name: _____

Missionary Project Title: _____

Dollar Amount Being Requested: \$ _____

Dollar Amount Provided from Congregation or Cluster: \$ _____

Date of Application: _____

Project Director: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Please respond to the following by typing in the space provided or if submitting a paper application, attach responses to the application.

1. Overview of the Mission Project:
2. How does this project support the congregation's vision and the 5 Mission Initiatives focus?
3. How was the idea for this proposed project developed?
4. What is the congregation's or cluster's desired outcome from this project?
5. Who will be involved?
6. How will you evaluate the value and progress of this project? (*A report of your project will be made at a mission center conference*)
7. Provide a detailed budget outline for this project (use attached budget worksheet)

Pastor

Project Director

CFO

Grant Team Recommendation: Approved Not Approved
Reason:

Mission Center Financial Officer

Date

Mission Center President

Date

Congregational Grant Program For Missional Ministries

Budget Worksheet

YEAR:

PROGRAM INCOME	AMOUNTS
Missional Ministries Grant	
Congregation/Cluster funds	
Other:	
Total	

*INCOME from IN-KIND SOURCES	AMOUNTS
Total	

PROGRAM EXPENSES	AMOUNTS
Total	

**In-Kind Income: This refers to non-cash value for service/labor provided (e.g. volunteer time given). If you are not able to attach a dollar figure to the level of service/labor provided, make sure to indicate the type of volunteer service being provided.*