

New Jersey Outreach Grant Application Congregational Restart Initiative

The overall purpose of this outreach grant is to enable a New Jersey District congregation experience a new chapter in its congregational mission and ministry through the allocation of financial and leadership resources.

There are three types of outreach grants for Strategic District Initiatives:

Tier One Grant...less than \$500 (limit of five such grants in one calendar year)

Tier Two Grant...between \$500 and \$5,000 (limit of two such grants in one calendar year)

Tier Three Grant...between \$5,000 and \$50,000 (limit of one such grant in one calendar year)

A guiding question:

How will this grant, if awarded, enable this New Jersey District congregation to envision and live out a renewed congregational life so that both numerical and incarnational ministry endeavors might be fostered and achieved?

What we need to know from you:

Congregational Information

Congregation:

Address Street address, city , state zip code

Contact Person

Phone

Congregational Restart Initiative Information

Project name

Amount of grant requested

What do you hope to accomplish with the use of these funds... that is, what will be the ministry outcomes that you hope to achieve through this congregational restart initiative?

How will you accomplish your ministry outcomes...that is, what is your ministry plan?

How will the peoples of the earth be blessed eternally and physically as a result of these ministry endeavors? Also, how many lives do you hope to change eternally and physically through this ministry?

Who (and how many congregational members) will be involved in these ministry endeavors?

What will be your timetable for achieving your stated goals and ministry outcomes?

How will these funds be used? What funding will be provided by the congregation?

A year end report of actual outcomes will be submitted to the New Jersey District.

Things you need to know about the grant process:

- 1: Congregations are encouraged to apply early in a given calendar year since all applications will be considered and awarded on a first come, first served basis...and once the funds have been allocated for a given calendar year, no more applications will be considered in that calendar year. The amount of financial assets to be distributed in a calendar year will not exceed 20% of the corpus and investment income.
- 2: All grant recipients should be prepared to document how these funds were used to accomplish their stated ministry outcomes so that the Executive Management Committee, and the sister congregations of the New Jersey District, can hold one another accountable for the stewardship of these financial resources for the extension of His Kingdom in the lives of the lost.
- 3: There are SEVEN voting members , who comprise the Executive Management Committee and they are the ones who review all outreach grant applications... however, when a New Jersey District congregation in which one of the seven voting members of the Executive Management Committee is a communicant member makes an application for an outreach grant, that member MUST abstain from the review and voting process.
- 4: The funds awarded for these outreach grants are NOT to be used for staff salaries and benefits nor are they to be used for basic operational costs such as mortgage, utilities, etc. However, short-term PT stipends may be considered for established congregations and short-term, FT salary for church planting endeavors may be considered if there is a compelling vision and ministry plan to do so.
- 5: Before a tier Three Grant can be awarded, a preliminary visit to the applying congregation MUST be held with the Pastor and the Congregational Leadership by at least three members of the Executive Management Committee. The purpose of this visit is for the congregation to present a compelling case as to why this outreach grant should be entrusted into their hands.

The Committee believes strongly that they have been entrusted with these financial assets so that they might foster the Master's business to seek and save the lost; in order to ensure that the requesting entity has the same resolve, an onsite visit greatly assists the Committee in discerning the deep commitment and intentions of the pastor and congregational leadership.

- 6: The Executive Management Committee resolves to make its decision regarding each outreach grant application within 6-8 weeks of its reception by the Committee.

Signatures Required:

District President _____

Ministry Project Director _____

District Business Manager _____

District Secretary _____