

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND GUIDELINES

Purpose: The Church Development Fund has been established by the Presbytery of South Dakota to expand congregational ministry by supporting innovative ministry initiatives at the congregational level. The use of these funds will result in revitalized congregations by becoming mission oriented and reaching out to the local community and beyond, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. These funds may also be utilized in a missional effort for new church development. The purpose of these funds is **not** to keep church doors open due to a lack of membership and finances.

Limitations: The Church Development fund has limitations in that the funds are not to be used for annual budget support of a congregation. A congregation may request the church development fund once every two years so the usage of the funds can be evaluated by the Ministry Development and Education team.

Funding Level: The maximum amount of the fund to be received annually is \$2000.00.

Process: Recipients of these funds will be selected through an application process in which the applications and supporting information will be reviewed and evaluated by the Ministry Development and Education team. If the application is approved by the team, the recipient must provide quarterly reports to MDE. The applications may be sent via mail to the Presbytery of South Dakota, Att: MDE, 100 S. Spring Ave, Suite 175, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 or by email to presbyteryofsd@presbyteryofsd.org.

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Considerations for Decision-making of Applications:

In evaluating applications, the Ministry of Development and Education will consider the following qualities and criteria:

1. Does the proposal have the likelihood of leading to growth in involvement in ministry from amongst current and possibly future members?
2. What 21st century ministry challenge does it address? Does it suggest the possibility of significant positive change?
 - a. Is the outcome one that other congregations might learn from?
 - b. Does this proposal help this particular congregation move in a future-oriented direction?
3. Has the congregation demonstrated a willingness to change and be changed by new ideas? Is the congregation prepared and equipped for change?
4. If this project is a success, can it be sustainably funded by the congregation in future years?
5. Does the congregation have the right leadership in place to carry out and honestly evaluate this proposal?

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CHURCH DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FORM

Name of Requesting Church or Ministry: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact person(s): _____

Brief Reason/Proposal for Fund Request:

What 21st century ministry challenge(s) is this project going to address? How will the success of the ministry or project be measured?

What impact do you anticipate on the ministry of the congregation and community will this project have? Who will supervise or oversee this project?

What might this project contribute for other congregations/communities to learn?

Funding:

Amount of funds being requested: \$ _____

How will these funds be spent?

The Session approved this application on _____.

Signature of Clerk of Session

Note: The Ministry of Development and Education requires a quarterly report after the disbursement of funds updating the progress of the program and how funds have been spent to that point.