

Mission Initiative Fund

Purpose

To assist congregations and ministries in creating initiatives that advance the mission of the church within Saskatchewan Synod. Initiatives are defined as “activities, carried out through congregations, areas, ministries, or other bodies (hereinafter “ministries”), that seek to explore what God is up to in local communities and neighbourhoods and learn what it means to participate in God’s mission in the world today.” (CECF manual-ELCIC)

Description

The Mission Initiative Fund is generated from the net investment income from the ELCIC Church Extension Fund (CECF). That income is allotted annually to the five synods according to a formula based on the reported baptized membership of each synod.

Criteria

Applications are expected to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- are exploratory and experimental in nature;
- seek to address a challenge you are facing in your context in relation to the Church’s mission for which a way forward is not easily discernible;
- seek to develop relationships with others in local communities and neighbourhoods;
- encourage participation in God’s mission in local communities and neighbourhoods.

Applications must be received at Synod office by May 1 each year.

Examples of Initiatives

- holding events that enable ministries to explore relationships with, and learn about, their communities and neighbourhoods;
- exploring new and creative ways of starting and supporting faith communities;
- joining in, participating in, and cooperating with other groups in the neighbourhood or community for a common purpose;
- exploring public attitudes and perceptions of the church through interaction with neighbours and community members;
- forming, educating and/or preparing laity and rostered leaders for the work of discerning and participating in God’s mission in the world;
- providing staffing to create, lead, and guide missional transformation processes;
- providing internship placements in ministry sites that provide good opportunities for mentoring missional leaders;
- supporting and equipping ministry areas to be discerning and learning communities which seek to join God’s Spirit at work;
- telling stories of Mission Initiatives using various media.



Mission Initiative Fund Application

Applying Congregation/Ministry and Contact information

Contact Person for this application _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Congregation/Ministry (cheque payable to) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____

Registered Charity number: _____

Project description

Project name _____

Provide a description of your proposed project.



Identify the objectives or expected results of your proposed project.

Planned start date of the project: _____

Expected duration of the project: _____

Financial

Budget for the project \$ _____

Amount of funding requested from Sask Synod \$ _____

What will the requested funds be spent on?

| <i>Expenditure description</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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Partnerships

Are you expecting to receive funding for this project from other sources? Yes No

If yes, indicate the organization and the amount of funding to be received.

| <i>Name of Organization</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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Are you expecting support for the project in other ways (volunteer hours, donations in kind, facilities, etc)?

| <i>Description</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
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Authorized representative of your organization

If our application is approved, we understand that we will be required to complete a project report by December 31st each year and a final report when the project is completed.

_____ (Print name) _____ (Signature)

Date _____

Please submit your application to:

Saskatchewan Synod,
#6 – 2220 Northridge Dr., Saskatoon, SK S7L 6X8
Email: info@sasksynod.ca

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