



Congregational Mission Grant 2018 Application for New Applicants

The Mission of the Commission On Congregational Life

Is to assist congregations and communities of faith & practice to be viable Episcopal presences in their respective context by:

- Helping communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to all
- Initiating and encouraging the founding of new congregations and communities of faith & practice utilizing the hallmarks of health as its guideline
- Aiding the growth and change of existing congregations and communities of faith & practice and celebrating life therein utilizing the Hallmarks of Health.
- Assisting the closing and relocation of congregations and communities of faith & practice as may prove necessary.

As Episcopalians in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, we commit ourselves to

Know the common story, **Proclaim** our common faith, **Pray** our common prayer,
Drink the common cup, **Serve** the common good.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is our common ministry.

1. Congregation, Cluster, or Community of Faith & Practice requesting a Church Mission Grant (CMG):
2. Contact Person and Title:
3. Email Address:
4. Dollar amount of financial request from COCL for 2018:
5. Is your Congregation, Cluster, or Community of Faith & Practice up to date on your Mission Share contribution? If not, please provide an explanation.
6. Is your Congregation, Cluster, or Community of Faith & Practice up to date on your clergy/lay employee pension premium? If not, please provide an explanation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

The completion of this application should be a collaborative effort between the clergy and the vestry/mission council.

DEADLINE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 BY MIDNIGHT

There will be NO exceptions.

Electronic submission is preferred. Please send to: cocl@diosohio.org. Applications can also be faxed to 513-421-0315.

Brevity is appreciated.

Please provide the following financial information:

- Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2017
- Financial Statement (Budget vs. Actual) through June 30, 2017
- 2018 Proposed Budget

If you receive a 2018 CoCL grant, the attendance of the clergy and lay leaders will be expected at the next Best Practices Conference, generally held each spring at Procter Center.

For questions please contact Cathy Bagot at cbagot@insight.rr.com or the Rev. Alexander Martin at alexm@sainttimothys.com.

Questions

New Applicants Only

1. What ministries will a CMG enable the congregation/community of faith and practice to offer that it couldn't offer otherwise?
2. What transformational difference does the congregation/community of faith and practice hope to inspire through the efforts described in the response to question #1?
3. Define your goals and objectives and tell us how the congregation/community of faith and practice will determine the effectiveness of the ministries/programs supported by a CMG?
4. What particular Hallmarks of Health will be supported through this CMG in 2018?(Please incorporate past and future use of the Hallmarks into your response)
5. What is your "Plan B" if the CMG is less than was requested? More than requested?

Hallmarks of Healthy Congregations

A clear sense of identity

Possess a clear and animated sense of Christian identity with an expectation that every member of that community is able to articulate in their own words the gospel story, why it matters, and why it matters here.

Radical hospitality

Deliberately invites, welcomes, receives, and cares for those who are strangers.

Inspiring worship

Offers inspiring worship that glorifies God and leads to participation in the mysteries of Christ and his ministry of reconciliation.

Intentional faith development and formation for discipleship

Develops rich opportunities for people to learn and reflect in community at all stages of faith.

Adventuresome, risk-taking mission and service

Identifies opportunities and equips its members to advance the healing, wholeness and justice of God's reign, regardless of whether those who are served become part of the faith community.

Extravagant Generosity

Offers ministries that address our spiritual need to give in ways that go beyond expectations

Accountability and Collaboration

Practices and nurtures collaboration and accountability within the community, the diocese and the wider church.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

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