



## The Commission on Congregational Life New Initiative Grant Program

The Commission On Congregational Life assists congregations and community 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.
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The Commission on Congregational Life will award grants to congregations in the Diocese of Southern Ohio for new and innovative projects that address local challenges and promote connections between other churches and community agencies. Grants will be awarded for a one-year period to develop and operate innovative projects that improve outreach, recruitment, retention and other community needs. Priority will be given to congregations with a demonstrated relationship and capacity to successfully partner with key stakeholders in their communities.

The amount of money awarded for a New Initiative Grant can vary as well as the time of year that the money is given. In most cases the grant is nonrenewable and given for only one year; however, if results and/or an annual report indicate a need for an additional year, consideration can be given for an extension which will be subject to the availability of funds.

- The completion of this application should be a collaborative effort between the Mission Council or Board of Directors or Vestry and the Clergy.
- There is no deadline for new initiatives. Submission is permitted throughout the year. CoCL meets the second Wednesday of each month throughout the year. For efficiency, please target your submission to arrive at least one week prior to that date.
- Electronic submission is preferred and brevity is appreciated. Applications may be sent to [cocl@diosohio.org](mailto:cocl@diosohio.org) or by fax to 513-371-5327.

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the Rev. Alexander Martin at [alexm@sainttimothys.com](mailto:alexm@sainttimothys.com).**

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*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.*

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## The Commission on Congregational Life New Initiative Grant Application

Project Description - provide a brief description of the new initiative

Project Design

*What prompted your congregation to recognize the opportunity for this project?*

*How will you know if the project resonates with the community and whether there is a demand for your project among the target population?*

*What long term impact will your project create?*

*How will the lives of the people in your congregation and/or community be different?*

*How will you share your results with the Commission on Congregational Life?*

*What is the projected budget for your project?*

*Are there other funding sources?*

*Provide a timeline for implementation of your project:*

*Is your Congregation, Cluster, or Community of Faith & Practice up to date on your Mission Share contribution?  
If not, please provide an explanation.*

*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.*

Contact Person(s) and Contact Information