

## Presbytery Unified Grant Application

*Lackawanna and Lehigh Presbyteries, through a Shared Mission Grant Review Team, will receive grant applications, evaluate requests, and make recommendations to the governing bodies for funding as appropriate. Successful grants will focus on creative experimentation, innovation, adaptive change, risk taking for the sake of the gospel, and/or empowering leaders for innovative leadership.*

**Section 1: Eligible Projects:** Applications will be considered for funding in the following categories:

**Leadership Development**—includes endeavors that educate and empower congregational leaders for the 21st century church.

**Community Outreach**—includes technology upgrades and other ministries that facilitate connections with people outside the walls of the church building.

**Innovative, experimental, risk-taking**—includes creative, “out of the box” ideas that effectively move congregations into a new way of being the church.

In general, the presbytery will not grant requests to fund personnel expenses or capital projects.

**Section 2: Evaluation of Ministry:** Please respond in detail to the following questions.

- What are your stated goals and how will they be measured?
- What is the ministry’s timeline?
- **How** does this ministry **fit** into your congregation’s **overall** mission?
- Have you considered opportunities for partnering with interfaith, ecumenical, or other Presbyterian congregations?
- What funding sources have you identified already? Can the ministry proceed without presbytery funding?
- If funded, what percentage of the funding will the presbytery be providing?
- Does this ministry duplicate other ministry in the congregation’s **community**?
- Are there opportunities for replicating the ministry if it is successful?
- Have you asked for funds for this ministry in the past? If so, were you awarded a grant? If it was funded, why is additional funding needed? If it was denied, have the concerns that led to the denial of funds been addressed?

**Section 3: Reporting:** Within one year after funds are received, applicants must provide reports on progress toward the achievement of measurable goals and provide detailed reports of

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expenditures to date. Failure to report will cause applicants to be ineligible for additional mission grant funds.

**Section 4: Mission Grant Application** Please complete the form below:

Which Presbytery?  Lehigh  Lackawanna

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church (es), group, pastors' forum, etc. that is applying for funds:

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Contact person who can answer questions about this request: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

With guidance from Section 1 and 2 please provide a description of the ministry for which this request is being made. Why do you believe this is the right ministry for your congregation?

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Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address to be mailed to:

\_\_\_\_\_

Time period (when you need the money) \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a summary budget (showing total cost of ministry, contributions from applicant churches, income from outside sources, and amount requested from the Presbytery)

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For Mission Grant Team use: APPROVED – Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Account Name \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mission Grant Application Budget

<b>Expense Descriptions</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Totals</b>
1	\$	
2		
3		
4		
Total Expenses		\$
<b>Funding Sources</b>		
Congregation	\$	
In-Kind Donations		
Individuals		
Other		
Presbytery Grant Requested		
Total Funding		\$