



THE SYNOD OF THE TRINITY

New Initiative Grants

In an era in which the Church is confronted with massive cultural and contextual change along with enormous opportunities to reach people for Jesus Christ, it is critical that we build the church's capacity to respond faithfully to those opportunities through faithful innovation. The 2011 New Initiative Grant process is intended to provide a means to provide funding and encouragement to presbyteries to stimulate innovation and creativity in mission and ministry through funds specifically designated for new initiatives.

The objectives of this program are:

- 1) To provide funding to presbyteries to stimulate new initiatives in mission and ministry.
- 2) To encourage financial stewardship through providing "matching" dollars wherever possible.
- 3) To provide a source of funding outside of the Synod budget process for experimental and innovative initiatives attempting to address the challenges of our new context for mission.
- 4) To encourage opportunities for exploration and incubation without fear of failure.
- 5) To focus resources and creativity, as much as possible, on mission areas identified as priorities of The Synod of the Trinity.
 - a. Leader Development, including Racial/Ethnic and New Immigrant Leader Development
 - b. Missional Church Development
 - c. Campus Ministry
 - d. Communications

In order to encourage creativity and to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, the Synod will seriously and prayerfully consider any applications that come forward, but priority consideration will be given to those applications that:

- 1) Represent a new or innovative way of achieving stated results.
- 2) Address an issue in the area of Leader Development, Missional Church Development, Campus Ministry or Communications.
- 3) Can be easily adapted and incorporated in other presbyteries.
- 4) Grow out of partnership between two or more presbyteries.
- 5) Seek to achieve specific and measurable results.

2011 New Initiative Grant Application Process

New Initiative Grant proposals will be processed in the following sequence:

1. All proposals are to be submitted electronically, in a single .doc or .docx file, on the application form on page three (3), to: Treasurer@syntrinity.org
2. The Treasurer of the Synod will record receipt of the proposal and forward the document to the New Initiative Review Task Force (hereafter, the Task Force). A copy of the proposal will also be forwarded to the Finance and Budget Committee to confirm availability of funds.
3. The Task Force will consider the appropriateness of funding the proposal, during which consideration they may request additional information or recommend additional work to strengthen the proposal.
4. The Task Force may negotiate a schedule of “staged funding” in which full funding is contingent on achievement of certain stages of the initiative.
5. The Task Force may choose not to recommend a proposal.
6. If the Task Force chooses to recommend a proposal, it will then be presented to the Synod by the Leadership Team for action.
7. Recipients are requested to provide a follow-up report on the effectiveness of the project in achieving desired results and anything else learned through the project.

2011 New Initiative Grant Application

List Participating Presbyteries: _____

Project Name: _____

Primary Contact : _____
NAME TITLE

EMAIL ADDRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER (S)

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Please include the following information with your application:

1. Describe your vision for this initiative.
2. Who are the partners in this initiative?
3. What specific results do you wish to achieve?
4. How will you measure or determine when and whether those results have been achieved?
5. Please provide a detailed plan for this initiative, including goals and objectives. In short, what are you going to do to make this happen?
6. What new concepts, skills or habits do you need to develop for this initiative to be successful?
7. How have you tried to identify other similar efforts by other entities? What was learned by their attempts to achieve similar results?
8. Please provide a detailed financial plan, including income and expense.
9. How do you plan to share what you have learned with other presbyteries?