

Your faith community is invited to apply!

All across Minnesota, God is inviting us into partnership within our neighborhood contexts. In a world aching for transformation and a new future story, God calls us to join in with others who are working to make our communities stronger, healthier, safer, and more just. This year priority will be given to grants that specifically address the 2017 Mission Opportunity: Hearing our Stories, Healing Relationships: Engaging God's Mission of Racial Reconciliation

Application Process Open

You are invited to apply! The Mission Committee of ECMN Council will review applications at the quarterly Meetings of Elected Bodies (MEBs). This group is comprised of elected representatives from each of the seven Mission Areas.

Rolling Submission Dates for 2016-2017

September 30, 2016

December 22, 2016

March 18, 2017

May 27, 2017

Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed at the following gathering of Council.

If your application is not funded the first time, we encourage you to work with your partners, your Mission Area Team (MAT) and the team of Missioners for coaching and advice, and to consider resubmitting a revised application at a future date. Priority will be given to application which address the Mission Opportunity 2017: Hearing our Stories, Healing Relationships: Engaging God's Mission of Racial Reconciliation

A Culture of Innovation and Transformation

Relationships and good partnerships take nurturing, intention, and time. The 2015 MIP Grant process encourages year-round innovation and attention to relationship building with your partners. It allows for adapting and responding to the changing needs in your neighborhoods, and for getting advice and assistance as you put together your application.

Here are the ways this process has been adapted for 2016:

- **Simple:** This application is intended to be simple. You may complete it electronically or submit a paper application.
- **Coaching:** The best innovations and partnerships depend upon research, prayer, relationship building, and seeking advice. We want to help you get coaching from your partners, your Elected Bodies and your team of Missioners.

- **Clear, Transparent Guidelines:** The selection criteria is 100 percent transparent. You will know exactly what is being considered during the selection process, so that you can orient your preparation process and application successfully.
- **Rolling Deadlines:** Applications will be gathered four times per year and reviewed by elected members of each Mission Area who serve on the Mission Committee of the ECMN Council.

Resources

Here are some questions your faith community can use to prayerfully consider how you might form a Missional Innovative Partnership in your community!

Your team of Missioners stands ready to help facilitate these discussions in your faith community and neighborhood.

- Where do we see God's presence in our community?
- What are the unjust structures in our community that need transformation in order to draw the Kingdom of God closer?
- Who are the people and organizations that are participating in this transformation?
- How might our faith communities partner with God and with others to participate in this transformation?

Contact your Mission Area Team or a Council member:

<http://episcopalmn.org/committees/council-mission-area-teams/>

Contact a Missioner for assistance: <http://episcopalmn.org/about/missioners/>

Examples of MIPs outside of Minnesota: (site, links to videos)

Here is where to read stories from what was funded in 2015-2016: (site)

Frequently Asked Questions: <http://episcopalmn.org/resources/missiongrants/>

We invite consultation and questions!

Innovation comes from teams experimenting, modifying, and acting together. We want to fund great partnerships, not just great grant applications! We want to connect you with resources to help you write a solid application!