

MNO SYNOD – Committee for Mission

Criteria for Applying for / Renewing Partnership Support

Funding

Partnership Support refers to financial grants used to support the work of congregations/synod endorsed ministries. When these are developing, in transition, and/or trying new outreach initiatives, the MNO Synod may offer support as a financial partner, on behalf of the other congregations of the synod and the ELCIC.

Some examples of initiatives qualifying for partnership support are the provision of short-term funds for additional staff to facilitate outreach ministry, development funds for new mission opportunities, supporting staff in mission congregations or Synod endorsed ethnic or inner-city ministries, congregational re-development initiatives, etc.

- (i) Partnership Support is normally provided for a limited period of time on a declining basis. This time period is normally for a one to five year period. Congregations receiving support shall have a year-round stewardship program and specific goals for becoming self-supporting. The Assistant to the Bishop is available to help with articulating the nature of the project and its goals. In some instances, long term support may be considered when the ministry is unable to become self supporting.
- (ii) The Synod Office shall normally receive reviews of initiatives funded and applications for initiatives to be funded at least one month prior to the fall meeting of the Committee for Mission. Advance notice of this date will be sent.
- (iii) The application will include a description of the mission initiative, a rationale for the project, objectives of the project, a budget, a timeline, and contact details.
- (iv) A congregation, institution receiving financial support must submit a complete financial report for year-to-date as of September 30 and a projected budget for the coming year, including the anticipated level of support they are requesting. A copy of the yearend financial reports of the congregation/institution must also be submitted to the Committee for Mission.
- (v) Additional staff positions may not be added by the congregation/institution unless prior approval is given by the Synod Canadian Missions Committee. (ie. A request for funding cannot come after a position has been filled)
- (vi) An annual on-site review of the ministry shall be conducted by Synod Staff responsible for Mission and if possible, by at least one member of the Synod Committee for Mission. (Where circumstances warrant, the review might take place by telephone)
- (vii) The Committee for Mission shall inform all applicants as soon as possible about the decision made, so that they can plan accordingly.

APPLICATION FOR PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

(Initiatives that are ongoing/longer than a year)

Synod Canadian Mission Committee – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

CONGREGATION/MINISTRY _____

ADDRESS _____ PC _____

STAFF (PASTOR/LEADER) _____ TELEPHONE _____

DATE OF APPLICATION _____ E-MAIL _____

CHAIRPERSON _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

TREASURER _____

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE _____

Description of the mission initiative:

Objectives for the next year:

Who is responsible for submitting the yearly evaluation to the Canadian Mission Committee?

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

In the last year:

Net Gain or Net Loss

Membership December 31, 2006

Baptized	_____	_____	_____
Confirmed	_____	_____	_____
Communing	_____	_____	_____

Estimated Future Partnership Support Need: \$ _____ per month or \$ _____ total for year

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2007 \$ _____ 2009 \$ _____
2008 \$ _____

Projected year of Self Support: _____

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RESOLUTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL/GOVERNING BOARD

The Church Council/Governing Board of _____ hereby makes application to the Committee for Mission of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada for Partnership Support in the amount of \$_____.

Total to be paid in monthly payments of \$_____ during the year of _____.

Further, this application shall be presented to an official meeting of the congregation to be ratified as an integral part of the budget of the congregation for the year of 2008.

Date _____ Name of Congregation/Ministry_____

Signed by -- _____