



New England Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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New England Synod Grants for Congregational Renewal

Maximum amount awarded: \$5,000

Purpose of Grant: To fund congregations in renewing ministry, through specific initiatives. Particular consideration will be given to initiatives that renew the congregation by supporting its efforts to be an externally focused congregation. We are looking to provide seed money for new projects that will engage the congregation in its local neighborhood and community

Past recipients of the grant established:

- A Congregational Day of service in the community assisting with home repairs
- Seed money for a congregational emphasis on Elder Ministry
- Support for a congregation launching a 5K Road race to raise funds for community charities

This grant funds only programmatic aspects of the ministry. Excluded from the funding are salaries, equipment and capital improvement. Grants are provided only to congregations or ministries of the New England Synod, not to individuals.

Applications must follow these procedures and contain this information in order to be considered:

1. Two to three pages, double-spaced.
2. Project name and project leaders, with contact information.
3. A detailed budget, with income and expense categories.
4. An introductory paragraph, followed by a detailed description of the project.
5. A demonstration of the goals of the project and a clear statement on how you will achieve those goals.
6. Application Deadline: December 15, 2016.
7. Important: Preference is given to applications that are clean, well-written, on target and specific. Handwritten applications will not be considered.
8. Post-event reporting to Synod Council at the outcome of the project

Application Deadline: December 15. Grants are awarded at the end of January, by action of the Synod Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee. Checks in the full amount of the grant are issued by March 30.

NOTE: All completed applications for grants should be sent to Synod House by email, attention of lwasilewski@nesynod.org, or by mail, to the attention of Lyn Wasilewski, New England Synod, 20 Upland St., Worcester, MA 01607-1624, and they *must be received by December 15*.

*Approved by Synod Council, New England Synod
April 2, 2016*