

Diocese of Western Anglicans

Church Plant Grant Application



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Mission:

Jesus sent his disciples into the world to minister the word and power of the Kingdom of God, saying: *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly for the Lord of the harvest to send our laborers into his harvest.”* (Luke 10:2) After praying, Jesus sent them. The Anglican work in which we are involved is focused on those who do not know the Lord Jesus and who do not yet belong to a local church, for they need to hear of God’s Kingdom and how Jesus is both Savior and Lord. In the same way that Jesus sent disciples into the towns and villages nearby, He is sending us to the towns and cities nearby. Their mission is our mission because we, like they, are His. Likewise and for the same reasons, their vision is our vision. Grants add strength to pastors and local churches to do the Kingdom work he has called us to do.

This Grant Application provides a means of communicating:

- The **vision** and inspiration for the ministry of Jesus
- The hopes and **plans** for what the Lord may intend to do through this ministry
- The **resources** required to fulfill the plan that is defined
- The means of **measuring** progress as the Kingdom advances

Grant Application Components:

- I. Write a **Ministry Abstract** to outline basic information
 - A. Identify the Ministry Name
 - B. State how long the ministry has been active
 - C. Identify the key ministry teams and their defined function
 - D. List the clergy and key lay leader names and functions
 - E. Include an outline of the current budget
 - F. Describe the rationale for a grant and the amount requested

- II. Write your current **Ministry Statement**
 - A. How did it begin? (Background)

 - B. Describe how people are being gathered now
 - a. Describe methods
 - b. State guiding values and models

 - C. Describe what effective activities are being utilized to gather people now
 - a. What programs are useful
 - b. How are individuals being released for mission
 - c. How are groups approaching the work of mission



III. Write a Statement of Ministry **Vision, Values and Mission** with an emphasis on biblical roots for each (addresses what is envisioned and the rationale for it)

A. What is the vision? *Who will you see?*

B. What are the values? *Who will you be?*

C. What is the shape of mission as you view it? *What will you do?*

How does your church plan relate to and support the mission and vision of the Diocese?

How does your church plan relate to and support the mission and vision of your deanery?

IV. Write a **Statement of Cultural Exegesis** with target location and people (this provides the missional context)

A. Demographics

Examples:

Age

Marital Status

Income

Education

Children

Race or ethnicity

Religious Movements in the area historically and how they have affected it/spiritual inventory of the local culture

B. Community Values

C. Attitudes commonly held by the community members

D. Psychographics (thoughts, biases, orientations, perceptions)

E. Needs

a. Expressed needs

b. The underlying & unexpressed needs

F. Cultural Connect Points

a. How God has prepared believers to share the gospel



b. How the community members are open to hear the gospel

V. Write a **Statement of Ministry Strategy, Philosophy and/or Orientation**, Clarifying biblical roots (addresses how the ministry vision and values are applied and the envisioned approach is structured)

A. What is your ministry strategy?

B. What is your philosophy of ministry to the people in this context?

VI. Write a **Goals Statement**

Address the key areas insofar as you are able (see Appendix A)

- Describe the typical forms and expressions of worship
- What are the fellowship opportunities that the congregation will be experiencing?
- What and how will people be discipled?
- How will lay leaders be formed and equipped to lead others?
- What approaches to personal, relational and/or needs based evangelism be in place?

5 Year Goals

Examples:

3 whole neighborhoods converted to Christ with 1 in 3 attending in the church

Congregation is multiplying missional communities

A population center is being impacted with the gospel through the work of children

3 Year Goals

Examples:

Have a core group of people meeting, breaking bread, worshipping together

Initiating neighborhood action

Inviting the neighborhood to key events or programs

1 Year Goals

Examples:

Move into the neighborhood



Build a relationship with the YMCA or Boys and Girls Club

Form prayer teams

Form teams to do community visits Train

teams to do relational evangelism

Set-up an office in the community (Starbucks)

VII. What is your plan to build and/or **Develop a Team** for this work?

The options described below are very general descriptions of processes that may work in various settings. They are suggestive of knowledge already possessed by the Church Planter.

Option A: Parachute without a local team

Contact Work

Gathering and Discipling of Team

Equipping Team to Launch Launch a

Congregation

Option B: Work with Local Launch Team

Local Group – Motivated Lay Leaders

Local Team is Formed

Local Team Invites other lay people from the Deanery

Local Team works with Deanery to invite a planter

Deanery assists with matching a pastor with the Local Team

Planter and Local Team organizes for Launch

Contact work is ongoing

Congregation is Launched

Option C: Work with Local Missional Church to Plant



Local Church Pastor invites the Planter to gather from within the congregation A

launch team is formed from within the local congregation

The Launch Team is equipped for the Launch

The Launch Team does contact work in the community

The new congregation is launched

- VIII.** Write a three-year **Action Plan** that addresses anticipated implementation objectives for each stated goal with special attention given to the use of the grant funds

How are funds going to be used? (Be willing to push the bulk of the money out toward mission before the Church's infrastructure needs are met)

Examples

Create opportunities for people to become relational/communities through neighborhood need-meeting activities

Cast vision for people to orient themselves to the wider community

Target those moving into the community and get to know them

Organize and mobilize intercessory prayer warriors within the church body

Hold regular marriage and family counseling courses, couples grouping or family needs seminars

- IX.** Develop a **Proposed Budget** for the next 3 years, should the grant be approved (include other funding strategies and sources that will be developed and/or pursued) [See Budget Sample]

- X.** Write a **Statement of Evaluation Methods** that will be applied (What are you willing to be evaluated on – parameters?)

- XI.** You may include a **Closing Summary** or Further Explanation (give yourself a chance to make your case once more)



Appendix A

A. Defining the Prevailing Culture Attitude; Whom Do You Target?

Modernism

First believe, then belong

Post-Modernism

Belong first, then believe

B. Congregation Formation Process

Maintenance to Mission

Mission to Reproduction

C. Utilizing Deaneries

Regional Implications of Missional Culture

- A local planting pastor is not likely to be able to have just one job (bivocational)
- A local congregation will likely be sharing its pastor for mentoring and regional sharing

Missional Networks of churches that reproduce:

- Mobilize laity
- Equip and empower leaders
- Manage networks lay ministers
- Release leaders for Kingdom work

Deans support pastors and lay leaders through the formation of regional missional networks:

- Deans continually cast Kingdom vision for lay and clergy leaders
- Deans cultivate and develop effective personal, missional relationships
- Deans encourage churches to orient toward the mission of Jesus
- Deans build key regional systems
 - i. Ministry Development for laity, deacons and presbyters
 - ii. Church Planting Processes
 - iii. Faith/Fund-raising Activities

