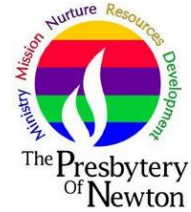


Missional Practices Grant Request

Missional Ministry Team

Luke 10:2

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.



In an effort to encourage congregations within Newton Presbytery to engage in one or more of the Six Missional Practices, the Missional Ministry Team (MMT) is offering eight grants for \$500.00 each for the calendar year 2018.

These Missional Practices are:

Dwelling in the Word
Dwelling in the World
Hospitality
Spiritual Discernment
Announcing the Kingdom of God
Missional Action

Congregations are encouraged to engage in one of these practices. As these practices begin to form new habits within a congregation, a clearer sense of vision will emerge. MMT would like to support these new visions with seed money. These grants will be given out on a first-come/first-served basis.

MMT normally meets the second Wednesday of each month. In order for your application to be considered, you must send it to the presbytery office by the last Wednesday of the prior month in order to properly distribute it to committee members.

Your application should include:

1. Contact information and session approval
 - Date of request
 - Name, address, telephone number of: Church, Contact Person and Pastor
 - Name of the group, board or committee that completed the application
 - Date of Session approval and signature of the Clerk of Session.
2. Please describe the church and congregation. (please no more than one page)
 - What is your present context as a congregation?
 - How are you engaged in mission and ministry in the community surrounding the congregation?
 - What are some recent activities or accomplishments that you would like to brag about?
 - What are some significant challenges or trends in your community where your congregation would like to connect or engage?

3. Project Description (no more than one page)
 - Which Missional Practices will be engaged in this project?
 - Describe the project, ministry or program. How is this project a response to the significant challenge or trend in your community.
 - Provide an outline of the plan for the project.
4. Please attach a copy of your most recent:
 - 2018 approved Budget
 - What percentage of the budget is for Presbytery related Mission? (i.e. Presbytery basic Mission giving, Special offerings, dedicated mission giving)
5. Is the congregation current in its insurance, per-capita assessment, basic mission pledge and Board of Pensions payments. If not, please explain what plans exist to make these payments.

E-MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Office@newtonpresbytery.org

Practices of a Missional Church

Dwelling in the Word

Immersing ourselves in the Word so that it shapes our imagination, intentions and actions. Missional Innovation is a spiritual journey and so is shaped first by God's Word among us.

Dwelling in the World

Becoming alert and observant of the people in the world where God has sent us. The Father sent the son into the world, the Father and the Son send the Spirit, and together sends the Church. Particular aspects of this practice are recognizing "people of peace" and potential partners in mission



Hospitality

Creating the safe space and forming multi-cultural Christian community within God's mission in and for the world.

Spiritual Discernment

Recognizing where we are and how the Holy Spirit is leading us in the formation of Christian Community within God's mission.

Announcing the Kingdom

When Jesus tells the disciples "you will be my witnesses, when the Holy Spirit comes on you," he is promising that they will see Jesus at work and they are to bear witness to his presence and work in the world.

Focus for Missional Action

In a world of possibilities, it is easy to dissipate our energy by pursuing too many good things. Focusing our energy and attention on actions that move us further in God's mission in the world is central to fulfilling a missional life.

The Church does NOT have a mission....

God's mission has a Church!