Application for GRR Mission Grant

GRR grants for 2017 are offered in order to encourage and empower GRR churches to make God's mission their passion in new ways.

These are matching grants that can be used by GRR churches for just about any new ministry (activity, event, project) directed toward those outside the church. It may be an activity in the surrounding community or something halfway around the world. But it must actually engage the members of the applying church (i.e.: the grant money is not to send to someone else).

This is how it works:

> The church designs a **new** ministry that is focused on people not regularly associated with the church. That effort might be a program over several weeks or a single event. Be creative as you look at the needs around you. Show the cost of the mission project/activity in your regular budget for 2017. Based on the merit of the proposal and the availability of funds, GRR will award a matching grant (up to a maximum of $1500) to the church for the purpose of enhancing the financial support of new mission initiatives.
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> *For example, the church may commit to start a food pantry, an after school tutoring program, or a senior adult activity time. It might be a mission project in another state or even out of the USA. However, the ministry must be NEW and focused on needs OUTSIDE THE CHURCH and ENGAGE THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. The church budgets $3000 to cover the costs of the program. If approved by the Region, the church will receive $1500. (If the church had budgeted $500, they would be eligible for $250; if the church had budgeted $9000, they would still be eligible for only $1500).*

Who may apply for grants? *Any GRR church in good standing. "Good standing" is evidenced by (1) a current annual report on file in the Regional office and (2) having contributed to the financial support of the Region, either through United Mission, America for Christ, or Specifics during 2016. Priority will be given to churches that have not received a grant previously.*

What is the deadline? *Application may be made at any time during 2017. As long as funds last, approved projects will receive grants.*

What are the limitations? *There are only three qualifications. The mission activity/project must be NEW and its focus must be on those OUTSIDE THE CHURCH and it must ENGAGE CHURCH MEMBERS.*

What do we do?

1. *Prayerfully discern how God is calling your church into mission.*

2. *Prepare a brief written description of the proposed effort and have it approved by the church. In particular, include the funding in the 2017 church budget.*

3. *Submit the application to GRR including:*

   a. *The cover sheet with signatures of the Pastor and Moderator.*

   b. *A short (1-2 pages) explanation of the mission activity/project.*

   c. *A copy of the 2017 church budget as approved by the church (or evidence of other church action authorizing the expenditure). Please identify the budget lines associated with the mission grant project.*

4. *The Region will review the proposal and make awards on the basis of merit and the availability of funds. Notice of award will be made as soon as possible.*

5. *When the mission project concludes, please send a brief evaluation of your experience, including the benefits to the church and the things you learned to the Region.*

GRR Mission Grants
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The purpose of the GRR Mission Grant is to encourage and empower churches to engage mission in new ways in 2017. Grants are awarded on a matching basis, up to a maximum of $1500.

Church: _____

Address: _____

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Title or short description of the Mission activity or project:

We certify that the Church has authorized this project, as evidenced by including $ _____ in the church budget for 2017.

(or other appropriate church action; if approved, the GRR grant will be half this amount, up to $1500)

(signatures):

Pastor: _____

Church Moderator: _____

Use this as the cover for the application. Include: (1) a short explanation of the mission initiative ministry project, and (2) the approved 2016 church budget or other church action authorizing expenditure for this activity or event (please clearly identify funding for the GRR Mission Grant).