

PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA

Ministry Imagination Grant Application

Completed applications should be sent to: Office Administrator Jennifer Schultz (office@ptcaweb.org) or mailed to the Presbytery Office (2115 Cliff Drive, Eagan, MN 55122).

Grant applications will be considered as they arrive. Awards will be announced after the MSGC Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting.

Questions should be directed to: MSGC Chair Rocky Rockenstein (walter.rockenstein@gmail.com; 612-227-8428)

About the Ministry Imagination Grant

Ministry Imagination Grants are for congregations who want to explore, engage in change, think critically about serving their community and world in a different way, and take action. These one-time grants of up to \$5,000 per congregation per year aim to help congregations explore a new idea, initiate a needed training, develop a partnership, or facilitate the congregation exploring a new action. These grants are about expanding imagination and possibilities for congregations, whether that means going deeper into an existing idea or beginning an action anew. Through Ministry Imagination Grants, the Presbytery can support a congregation's effort to think about something in an entirely different way and provide financial support when the congregation's leaders sense that "the moment is now." Congregations are invited to dream big and let this Ministry Imagination Grant become the "seed" for other PTCA grant opportunities such as Congregational Development Grants. Any congregation may apply for a grant at any time. The Mission, Scholarship, and Grants Committee, which oversees this process, will typically consider the application at its next regular meeting. However, if faster action is needed, please highlight this in the application and any covering communication, and the Committee will consider immediate action. The maximum grant annually to any congregation will normally not exceed \$5,000 although the Committee has the discretion to award somewhat more. These grants are available to any PTCA member congregation, 1001 New Worshiping Community, or Presbytery New Church Development congregation.

General Parameters for Decision-Making

1. Does this proposal clearly identify an opportunity for the congregation to explore a new way to serve their community and the world in a different/new way?
2. Could the proposed project lead to an exciting new possibility for the congregation?
3. Does the proposal reflect original and creative thinking for this particular congregation?

**PTCA Ministry Imagination Grant
Application Form**

Congregation Name:

Primary Contact

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Grant Request

Title of the Proposed Ministry Initiative:

Proposal Description (answers to all questions are required)

1. Describe the initiative you are proposing. What will happen and who will be served? When are the activities planned (if known)? *(max 200 words; attach promotional materials if appropriate)*
2. How will this initiative be a new opportunity that serves your congregation or community in a different way? *(max 200 words)*
3. To what future ministry opportunities might this initiative or program lead to for your congregation? *(max 100 words)*
4. What changes will your congregation have to make to ensure the initiative's success? How does it plan to make them? *(max 100 words)*

Amount of Funding Requested: \$

Please include a budget showing how these funds will be spent, either for the total ministry initiative itself, or as a distinct portion of a larger budget.

If this grant is approved, who should the check be made payable to and who should it be sent to?
(please be specific).

Name of Pastor:

Date application approved by Pastor: