**National Capital Presbytery**

**Equipping Congregations Grant Application**

**Purpose of the grant:**
To provide resources that will strengthen existing ministries or develop new ministries to expand the congregation’s capacity for impact and growth. Resources may include consultant services, materials, leadership skill development, audio/visual equipment, talent and expertise such as Christian educators, musicians, webs developers, or marketing services. Projects may include minor building enhancements. Contact NCP to discuss what enhancements are being considered.

**Grant criteria:** *Applications are accepted at any time.*

* All NCP churches or NCP emerging congregations and communities are to apply for resources or services valued up to $5000 per church. If more is requested, please contact NCP staff.
* **Global Mission church partnership grants** are up to $4,000 and awarded 3x a year: March 30, July 15th, September 30th.
* **Earth Care Power to Change grants** are up to $2,000.
* This is a matching grant. The contribution of your congregation toward the project in both money and volunteer time will be considered.
* An up-to-date Church Assessment Tool (within three to five years of a previous one)
* Some preliminary work should be done to assess feasibility before applying. The project should have a reasonable chance of success, in some way to measure success.
* A congregation may submit only one application each year.
* A follow-up report and photographs of the project is due six (6) months after the program or services are implemented. Answer the following questions:
	1. How did you know you have accomplished your goal? Were there any surprises?
	2. What changes in the congregation are as a result of your efforts?

**All applicants will describe the following:**

1. What is the desired outcome or goal? Click or tap here to enter text.
2. What strategy has been selected to realize the goal - for example: activities, consultants, training, outreach, mentoring, information sharing, networking with other congregations or community organizations? Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Who are the leaders who will be dedicated to guiding the effort? Click or tap here to enter text.
4. What time, energy, and money will be invested by the church in the process? Click or tap here to enter text.

These grants enable congregations to start new local mission initiatives or expand existing missional work in the communities they serve or are connected with. Grants are reviewed monthly; second year grants are smaller and contingent on availability of funds. *Grants are to be matched by congregations – please note, in-kind donations will be considered.*

**For questions or more information, contact:**

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**Date of application:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Name of church:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Address of church**: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Principal contact person(s) – name, email and phone number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Has your church/organization applied for other grants this year, or received grant funds from NCP in the past four years?** (If unsure, check with your Clerk of Session and/or Pastor) If “Yes,” please provide the information - Click or tap here to enter text.

**Annual giving to NCP Unified Mission** - *This is money given to National Capital Presbytery’s Unified Mission Giving, and is NOT the same as Per Capita*. Also note: *With you Unified Mission Giving, NCP sends 14% to PCUSA* (One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking, other designated mission gifts to the higher councils of the church): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Has the church taken a Church Assessment Tool (CAT)?** If so, provide the date(s): Click or tap here to enter text.

**Grant amount requested** (up to $5,000): Click or tap here to enter text.

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***Signoff by a church officer indicating endorsement by the session.***

**Name:** Click or tap here to enter text. **Position:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date approved by session:** Click or tap here to enter text.

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**Describe the project envisioned:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**List any in-kind donations:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Attach an itemized budget:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**How will you measure success?** Click or tap here to enter text.

***All recipients are required to submit an article or presentation of their project
within the year of the Grant.***