

Bicentennial Fund Distribution Guidelines

The Small Church Fund

Purpose: To provide staff support, training events and networking for small church pastors and lay persons.

Criteria:

1. Financial support of up to \$10,000 is available to presbyteries to assist in the development and implementation of small church leadership workshops.
2. Monies may be used for staff support, program and/or speakers/leaders.
3. Goals for these workshops should include **a)** lay and clergy leader development, **b)** training in church revitalization strategies, **c)** and strategies to strengthen congregational life.
4. Participating churches will be limited to those with 150 or fewer members.
5. A report of the event with evaluation shall be made to the Synod upon completion of the project.
6. Projects funded must benefit the churches within the Synod of Living Waters.

NOTE: Funds are one-time, non-renewable grants.

The New Church Development, Transformation and Relocation Fund

Purpose: To assist congregations with planning and implementing funding plans for New Church Development, Redevelopment and Relocation

Criteria:

1. These funds are to be used as seed monies for the development of additional funds.
2. Funds must be used for one or more of the following **a)** securing demographic studies necessary to begin strategic planning for new church development, redevelopment or relocation, **b)** developing a strategic plan for capital fund raising, **c)** consultants needed for site selection, **d)** securing of preliminary construction work, **e)** training events to provide skills and vision in the areas of new church development, redevelopment and relocation.
3. One-time grants of up to \$10,000 may be made to a developing, redeveloping or relocating congregation upon the request of the appropriate presbytery.
4. All projects must be within the bounds of the Synod of Living Waters.

Application process:

All applicants must submit the attached application to the Executive Committee of Synod.

Bicentennial Fund Request Form

Date Submitted: _____

1. Name of presbytery making request: _____
2. Name of program/project: _____
3. Please attach a record of presbytery approval.
4. Total amount requested: _____
5. Provide a brief statement describing the program to be supported. _____

6. What is the extent of your presbytery's involvement with the program? _____

7. What amount is the presbytery contributing toward the program? _____
8. Are there other sources of income? If so, please list. _____

9. How will the funds be used and who will benefit? _____

10. Attach a copy of the current budget (including income & expense) for the program.
11. Give a brief description of project oversight and evaluation. _____

12. Give a brief description of how this successful project will fulfill the aims of the Bicentennial Fund Prospectus. _____

13. Please list the name, address, email address and phone number of the person we may contact about this request. _____
14. The Synod of Living Waters, in approving this grant, respectfully requests that the above-named-person or another representative be accountable to the Synod by submitting a written report on the program that these funds have supported.
15. Signature of Stated Clerk and/or Executive Presbyter:
