

Church Revitalization Application Form (Restricted Fund 3166)

Project Name: _____ Date Submitted _____

Contact Person _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

(If applicable, please also provide the information below)

Partner Congregation _____

Contact Person _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Purpose: By the power of the Holy Spirit, and in authentic relationships, we seek to equip, nurture, and support church leaders to empower their congregations to experience renewed vitality and extend the invitation to participate in God's Church through Jesus Christ.

Definition: This application is for projects related to projects related to restricted fund line item 3166, whose purpose is: to equip, nurture, and support church leaders to empower their congregations to experience renewed vitality and extend the invitation to participate in God's Church through Jesus Christ. Please choose one of the following program areas that most closely connects with your project's theme:

_____ *Re-forming:* choose one of the seven marks to focus on for skill growth, congregational experimentation, expanding one's community connections, and risk-taking. Indicate which of the vital signs with which your project connects (select all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Life-long discipleship | <input type="checkbox"/> Authentic, relational evangelism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outward, incarnational focus | <input type="checkbox"/> Empowering servant leadership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit-inspired worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring relationship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational health | |

_____ *Missional clustering:* partnering with other congregations (either Presbyterian, ecumenical, or inter-faith) or community organizations toward engaging missional ministry.

_____ *Death and Resurrection:* helping congregations live into death with gratitude and memorial, while preparing for resurrection and new life in various forms (e.g. as a new worshipping community or thriving without a building).

Instructions: This application is available from the Presbytery de Cristo website. Email or mail the completed application with attachments addressing each of the tasks to the Presbytery Office with the subject line "Attention: Church Revitalization."

Task 1. If you are a congregation, are you current up to date with your per capita payments? **Yes or No**
(please circle one)

If no, please explain: _____

Task 2. Has this project been approved by the Session of your church? **Yes or No**
(please circle one)

- Date project approved by Session _____

Task 3. Describe how you plan to use the funds in ways that give others a sense of the purpose and goals for your project as well as the implementation steps you will take. Your description may include any, some or all of the following:

- **Who –**
 - (a) identify the target group expected to benefit from the project,
 - (b) those generally expected to execute the project,
 - (c) their responsibilities,
 - (d) gifts necessary to complete a successful project.
- **What –**
 - (a) identify the specific activities anticipated for this project,
 - (b) the primary result expected at the conclusion of the project,
 - (c) describe the measures and benchmarks you will use to determine if the primary results are being met.
 - (d) how do you plan to share the story of what happens? **(THIS IS A REQUIRED RESPONSE.)**
- **When –**
 - (a) explain the expected timeline of completion, be as specific as possible.
- **Where –**
 - (a) identify the geographical and organizational boundary for this project.
 - (b) explain how your project will impact you, your community, Presbytery or beyond.

Task 4. Develop and attach a funding budget for this project over the duration of the project. Be as comprehensive as possible. Include specific funding requests related to personnel (e.g. salary, honoraria, travel), program (e.g. curriculum expense) and property (e.g. building materials, rent).

1. Total Project Budget: _____

- a. Amount related to:
1) personnel – _____

2) program – _____
3) property – _____ (Sum of 1+2+3 should = #1 above – Total Project Budget)

- 2. Amount Applicant Is Contributing: _____
- 3. Other Contributions or Grants Received: _____
- 4. **Total Amount Requested from the Thrive Project:** _____

Approval Process Information

Approval Process:

The COM will review all applications as they are received. Applicants can expect to receive a communication from the COM following the next stated COM meeting (ordinarily COM meets the first Thursday of each month).

Grant Approval Statement:

Grant recipients will be expected to complete a final budget and evaluation of effectiveness at the end of the grant project. This will be submitted to the COM. Any unused funds should be returned to the Presbytery.

Thank you.

This Mission Priority Project funding request was reviewed and approved by the appropriate Presbytery staff and leaders governing this program.

Signature Page

COM Chair

Date

Stated Clerk or Presbytery Pastor

Date

Grant Judging Rubric

(Approved ___/___/___)

Person(s), church or organization requesting grant funding:

Amount applying for: _____

_____ **Purpose of Funding Request (15 points)**

Purpose is clear and comprehensive
Offers a compelling "Why"

_____ **Connection to One of the Three Program Areas with a Plan (15 points)**

Focus is on (1) Reforming, (2) Mission Partnerships, or (3) Death and Resurrection
Realistic description of who, what, when, and where

_____ **Plan for Evaluation of Effectiveness Included (15 points)**

Has a plan for metrics and evaluation to show the grant was effective

_____ **Plan for Sharing the Story with Others / Presbytery (15 points)**

Will celebrate "wins," learn from challenges
Has a plan to share learnings within the congregation and beyond the congregation to presbytery

_____ **Realistic Budget (15 points)**

Provides realistic expectations for income and expenses
Includes congregational participation – i.e. "skin in the game"

_____ **Inclusion of Racial/Ethnic Participants (10 points)**

Supports needs of racial/ethnic persons; encourages multi-ethnic relationships and experiences

_____ **Innovation (10 points)**

"Outside-the-box" thinking; re-imagines programs more creatively

_____ **Other Factor(s) Not Addressed by Other Rubric Categories (5 pts.)**

_____ **TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: 70 points required for approval**

Grant Application Approved for Funding ___ YES ___ NO

NOTES: