



**Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

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***We are called to act with justice; We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the refrain printed above, David Haas captured the mission and ministry to which the Church in Society committee and indeed all of us are called. As disciples of Christ, we are all called to the ministry of service, justice, and advocacy for the "least of these."

Each year the Synod Publicly Engaged Church Committee (formerly Church In Society) makes available funds to encourage and support ministries serving local communities. These grants may be used as 'seed' money to begin a new ministry, or to continue an established ministry, or to expand and enhance an ecumenical effort. Unfortunately these funds cannot be used to purchase property, but can be used for improvements to properties.

Although there are limited funds, we encourage every congregation to prayerfully consider submitting a grant request. We wish we could offer financial support for every request submitted. Although not every request can be honored, we strive to support every ministry in some way possible. At our meeting in August we will consider all grant requests and honor as many as possible within the limits of our funding capacity. We will offer prayers for EVERY ministry proposed. **All grant request forms must be submitted by July 15, 2015** to be reviewed at our August meeting. Announcement letters of our decisions will go out on or before October 1 with checks sent to congregations receiving grants in November.

Please feel free to submit your grants either via e-mail or U.S. post. The form is not as important as the content, so feel free to adjust the format. It is very important that we have accurate contact information for the grant. Please include the most appropriate contact information so that if we have questions, we can easily contact the correct person. The form **must** be signed by the requesting pastor. Also, please be specific about other funding sources from which you are requesting support.

Our prayers continue for all of the ministries God empowers us to do in the world. We echo the beginning as well as the end of the song composed by David Haas,

"Come live in the Light, Shine with the joy of the love of the Lord."

Yours in Christ's service,

~Publicly Engaged Church, formerly Church in Society Committee

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Publicly Engaged Church Committee
Grant Application Form
Due Date: July 15, 2015

Submit via email to royalty55@gmail.com or
US mail to: Randy Royalty, 1758 S Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
Questions? Contact Randy Royalty 269-217-9184

Title of Project _____

Amount of Grant Request _____

Describe the program and Goals of the program (attach a separate sheet of paper). Topics can include but are not limited to:

- How does this program relate to the mission of the congregation?
- Number of people involved with the program?
- What population will be served by this project?
- How many people will be served by this project?
- What other congregation / faith communities are involved in this project?

Theological/Biblical Foundation of Project

- Is the project the emphasis of the Synod?

How the program will be evaluated

- Itemize the project's total budget.
- What other funding sources have you tried? What was the result?
- Specifically, how will you use this grant?

Name of congregation _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Contact person (person in charge of program) _____

Pastor's Name and Signature _____

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