



EASTERN SYNOD MISSION GRANT CRITERIA

Eastern Synod Mission Grant Criteria:

Funds are to be used for Canadian Missions Initiatives in the synod or in cooperation with other synods.

Canadian Missions Initiatives are activities, carried out through congregations, areas, ministries, or other bodies (hereinafter “ministries”), that seek to explore what God is up to in local communities and neighbourhoods and learn what it means to participate in God’s mission in the world today.

Applications are expected to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a) are exploratory and experimental in nature;
- b) seek to address a challenge you are facing in your context in relation to the Church’s mission for which a way forward is not easily discernible;
- c) seek to develop relationships with others in local communities and neighbourhoods;
- d) encourage participation in God’s mission in local communities and neighbourhoods.

Some examples of Canadian Missions Initiatives are:

- a) holding events that enable ministries to explore relationships with, and learn about, their communities and neighbourhoods;
- b) exploring new and creative ways of starting and supporting faith communities;
- c) joining in, participating in, and cooperating with other groups in the neighbourhood or community for a common purpose;
- d) exploring public attitudes and perceptions of the church through interaction with neighbours and community members;
- e) forming, educating and/or preparing laity and rostered leaders for the work of discerning and participating in God’s mission in the world;

f) providing staffing to create, lead, and guide missional transformation processes;

g) providing internship placements in ministry sites that provide good opportunities for mentoring missional leaders;

h) supporting and equipping ministry areas to be discerning and learning communities which seek to join God's Spirit at work;

i) telling stories of Canadian Mission Initiatives using various media.

Responsibilities

Grant recipients are expected to report learnings to the synod and synods will report to the CECF Advisory Board.

The report will include a financial accounting for grant funds used and any unused funds are to be returned to the synod.