



NEW CHURCH ONGOING FUNDING APPLICATION

The Ongoing Funding Grant is for continued funding of a new church/faith community/place project. Each year projects must apply for continuation of funding and show work toward benchmarks and an updated ministry plan. Approval of this funding is always subject to further approval by the Mountain Sky Cabinet and the Bishop of the Mountain Sky Conference.

Name of Project: _____

Applicant(s): _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Partner Church *(if applicable):* _____

District/Location: _____

Previous annual funding amount from New Church Development: \$ _____

How many years have you been receiving funding? _____

Current request: \$ _____

Note, funding is typically aligned with the appointment year (July-June). If you want funding on a different timeline, please specify.

Provide the following statistical data:

- Number of one-on-one community contacts in the last six (6) months
- Number of persons encountered through service, mission, or outreach projects in the last six (6) months
- Number of people who have committed to the core team in the past twelve (12) months
- Worship attendance for the last twelve (12) months
- Number of baptisms and professions of faith in the last twelve (12) months

- Number of regular giving units

Financials:

Include a financial statement that details income and expenses for the past 12 months (can be a year-to-date for current year). Also include a budget for the upcoming 12 months.

Answer the following questions:

1. What key milestones can we celebrate with you?
2. What is your strategic ministry action plan for the next 24 months? Include information about worship and multiplication, intentional discipleship formation for all ages, leadership development, community engagement and mission, outreach to connect with new people, etc.
3. What are the key benchmarks to assess progress for the next 12 months?
4. What is your plan to move toward financial sustainability?
5. What have you learned about your target community?
6. What adaptations have you had to make to your ministry plan?
7. What have you learned along the way about planting a new church/faith community/place that you think we should know?
8. Anything else you want us to know?

Additional Information

1. Provide names and contact information for those on the core leadership team for this project.
2. Include a statement from your parent/partner church in support of your new church/faith community/place signed by the senior pastor and Lay Leader / Ad Council chair / or equivalent.

Signature of Applicant(s)

Date

Process:

- This application and all supporting documentation is **due by DECEMBER 31**.
- A *DS Advisory Form* must accompany this request.
- The Congregational Vitality Grant Team will meet in Denver, CO in January or February. We will invite you to come present an update on your new faith community along with your request. You can either come in person or video conference through Zoom. We will collaborate with the Cabinet as needed and let you know about our decision by the end of February. (If this timeline does not work for you, contact Michael Smith or Patti Agnew)
- E-Mail this application and all supporting documentation to Patti Agnew, Chairperson of the Congregational Vitality Committee, at pattiagnew3@gmail.com by December 31.
- If you have any questions, contact Patti Agnew at pattiagnew3@gmail.com or (303)960-5257 or Michael Smith, Superintendent of Congregational and Community Vitality, at msmith@mtnskyumc.org.