



The Presbytery of Detroit

**FAITH IN ACTION
PHASE 2 GRANT APPLICATION**



Faith in Action

Application Due Date: October 31, 2018

Submit Applications: faithinaction@detroitpresbytery.org

*Mailed in applications will NOT be accepted
If you need access to a computer, please contact a committee member*

Approval Date:	January 2019
Disbursement Date:	February 2019
Interim Report Date:	September 30, 2019
2 nd Year Disbursement Date (Multi-year programs):	January 2020
Final Report Date:	February 28, 2020

Faith in Action, Phase 2

Background Information

Centering Scripture: James 2:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? ¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

Introduction:

This gift is from an anonymous donor who has been involved with and has supported the Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. God, through God's amazing grace, has tasked the donor with providing funding to improve mission capabilities and results of congregations and their mission partners within the Presbytery of Detroit. The funds will help meet the presbytery's purpose: to strengthen and transform congregations to be missional, pastoral, and prophetic.

The donor wishes to invest in a Presbytery-wide program that incubates/prepares new types of mission work, energizes existing mission initiatives to achieve new levels of faith in action, and responds to mission requests that need urgent attention. Although there are no specific guidelines to allocate the donation into these three different categories, **the intent is to establish a portfolio of mission requests that not only improve mission capabilities in the short term but to create and establish more effective mission programs/initiatives that fulfill God's calls and will in the future.** Hopefully, some of the latter initiatives will be new attempts and methods to bring God's love and grace to the communities within the Presbytery of Detroit.

In Phase 1, this gift funded projects from 30 congregations all over the Presbytery. The grants were for \$1000 or less, and the application process was fairly simple.

In Phase 2, we hope to work at disbursing the remainder (+\$300,000) of the original gift. Because the grants will be for larger amounts of money, the application process and financial accountability are more thorough.

Rev. Julie Delezenne has been designated by the donor to be the organizing voice for this donation. She, working with other mission leaders in the Presbytery of Detroit, will define, create/delegate and distribute the funding packages throughout the Presbytery. The trustees have appointed five people to the Faith in Action Work Group to make these decisions. This group will decide priorities, phasing of donations, and accountability to spend the money according to God's will and purpose. Proposals must have session approval and be signed by the clerk of session. The Trustees of the Presbytery will review these guidelines and have final approval of the disbursement of funds.

Guidelines:

1. The focus is on congregations and their mission partners doing the work of God, as guided by Scripture, in the communities of the Presbytery of Detroit. It is not intended to fund nor improve day-to-day operations of the on-going church community.
2. Programs, projects, tasks, and activities that are approved for funding are intended to fall within three categories:
 - a. incubates/prepares new types of mission work with new communities
 - b. energizes existing mission initiatives to achieve new levels of faith in action
 - c. responds to mission requests that need urgent attention

Who can apply for funds:

1. Congregations of the Presbytery of Detroit (POD)
2. POD Congregations partnering together
3. POD Congregations in partnership with non-profit organizations

Questions:

- Can any of this donation be used to match other mission donations to create more compelling mission programs? YES! Using the donation as an enabler for additional growth in missions is a great idea.
- Can any of the donation be distributed to churches in need to support mission based upon urgent needs? YES! Using the donation through a discretionary package to a responsible leader in the area of urgent need is within the scope of the donation. Accountability for discretionary distributions needs to be held at the church leadership level.
- Are new approaches at mission giving to fulfill God's will acceptable? YES! With a belief that God leads us in new paths to fulfill God's calling to us, this is not only acceptable but encouraged.
- Could this be used by churches to support international missions/projects with whom they are involved? Yes; however, the international component should be a minor part of the overall portfolio; the majority of the portfolio should be for within the geographical boundaries of the Presbytery.
- **If you have questions about the application process, please email: faithinaction@detroitpresbytery.org**

The Faith in Action Work Group

Rev. Julie Delezenne, Chair, Warren First

Elder Martha Blenman, Birmingham First

Elder Bob Ponder, Fort Street

Rev. Fernando Rodriguez, Kirk in the Hills

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Northbrook

Applicant Cover Sheet

Project Manager (or co-manager, if done in partnership):

Congregation (and partners, if applicable):

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Total Amount Requested:

Payee (to whom should the check be written):

Federal Tax ID (if applicable):

Name of Project/Ministry:

In no more than two sentences, write a summary of the overall purpose of the project:

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

(Check One)

- This is a SINGLE year project
- This is a MULTIPLE year project



(Leave area blank for grant committee comments)

IMPORTANT DATES:

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Use the checklist below to guide you through the application process and the required information to accompany the application

I. Church Sponsored Projects	II. Churches in Partnership with Non-profit 501(c)3 Corporations:
Session approval w/ minutes.	Session approval w/minutes of partnership & project approval.
	Mission statement of non-profit Board of Directors approval of partnership & project approval.
Clerk of Session signature on project application	Clerk of Session signature on project application.
	Board Chairperson signature on project application.
Detailed budget for each project year. Attach excel spreadsheet.	Detailed budget for each project year. Attach excel spreadsheet.
	License to solicit funds for 2018 & most recent State of MI annual report.

Please complete the following questions:

1. Who is/are the target group or groups for the project? Be specific.

2. Goals of the Project: What need or problem is being addressed?

3. List three to five specific objectives of the program to be funded. Describe the beneficial results of the program. Tell WHO is going to do WHAT, HOW MUCH will be done and HOW it will be measured. State results, not activities.

4. List how your church or nonprofit has worked with the target community in the past.

5. How does this project meet the purpose of the grant (Page 3, Guidelines)? (50 word limit)

6. List the specific ways the congregation will participate in the project.

7. Attach a detailed budget for the project as an Excel spreadsheet.

8. What other funding sources have you requested or secured?

9. Detail your plan for assessing the project.

To be completed after grant is awarded:

10. Interim reporting: Due September 30, 2019

- Assess the progress on each objective.
- What have you learned so far?
- Please submit project financials to date (in Excel)
- Please submit pictures as available or links, etc.

11. End of Project report: Due February, 28 2020 or February 2021 for 2-year projects

- Assess how each objective achieved.
- How has this inspired you to continue working in this community?
- What impact has this program in your congregation's spiritual journey?
- What from your experience would you want to share with another church that is seeking to serve its community?
- Please submit final project financials (in Excel).

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Please print out this signature page, sign it, and scan as an attachment

I. CHURCH SPONSORED PROJECTS

Signature of Project Leader: _____ Date:

Signature of Clerk of Session: _____ Date:

II. CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 501 (C) 3 NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS:

Signature of Clerk of Session: _____ Date:

Signature of Board Chair: _____ Date:

Signature of Project Leader: _____ Date: