



Dear Raafat and David,

In September 2009, the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (then known as the General Assembly Mission Council), formally acted to end the program known as National (Domestic) Mission Partnership Funding (NMPF) at the end of 2013. This action was taken with the knowledge that the funding stream for the program was rapidly declining and was no longer sustainable. However, \$500,000 in residual funds remained from the NMPF program that the GAMC determined to utilize. Therefore, the GAMC funded an initiative called the Developmental, Research, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Fund, which was to begin in 2014. These monies were earmarked for use in consonance with the original, historic principles of the NMPF, which are outlined in the instructions.

Since the Partnership Funds had originally been allocated to four synods – Alaska-Northwest, Boriquén en Puerto Rico, Rocky Mountains, and Southwest – it was recommended that the DREAM Fund should be utilized to continue funding work in those synods. The DREAM Fund Committee met in 2014, the first year of the program, and made eight awards. The committee then decided to open up the process to all 16 synods of the denomination as they had made possible the funding stream through the years.

Therefore, since the NMPF program intended to fund work in synods, the committee is turning to you, the synod leader, for help in reaching those areas that are imagining and DREAMing about new ways in which ministry can be accomplished. The attached application contains the information needed for the applicants. The basic process is this:

1. This information is being forward to the identified synod leader, by whatever title known.
2. The synod leader will forward this to his/her presbyteries.
3. The presbyteries will forward this to their churches and groups.
4. The entity making application will ascertain whether it has a program or initiative that meets the qualifications contained within the parameters of the application.
5. The entity shall forward its application to the presbytery for approval.
6. The presbytery shall forward the application to the synod for review of meeting minimal criteria.
7. The synod will review it to see if it meets the basic criteria.
8. The synod will forward it to the Office of Mission Program Grants, which will send the applications to the committee for action.
9. Grants are awarded on a one-time basis with a maximum amount of \$10,000.

Do not be alarmed if the timeframe seems to be short; there will be four cycles to this program: two in 2015 and two in 2016. The program will then conclude, as all available funds will be expended. For 2015 First Cycle, proposals received in your synod's office by **August 17, 2015** should be forwarded to the Office of Mission Program Grants by no later than **August 24, 2015** and considered for funding in mid-September. 2015 Second Cycle proposals received in your synod's office by **November 15, 2015** should be forwarded to the Office of Mission Program Grants by no later than **November 23, 2015** and considered for funding in mid-December. Notification about the status of the application should occur within five weeks of receipt.

The committee is excited for those within your synod and wishes them well in seeking to DREAM of new possibilities in ministry. If you should need further information, please contact the office of Mission Program Grants.

On behalf of the committee, I am faithfully yours,

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