Commission on Ethnic Ministries

2018 Application for Funding

*New Life: Vital and Growing Intercultural Ministries*

Due: August 10, 2018

Project Period: September 2018 through August 2019

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A Program of the Commission on Ethnic Ministries

Pacific Northwest Conference

The United Methodist Church

***What is it?***

*New Life*, a program of the Pacific Northwest Conference Commission on Ethnic Ministries, provides financial support to congregations and fellowships committed to reaching *racial/ethnic communities* (communities of color) and *immigrant communities* (first generation in the United States) in just and empowering ways.

Projects must meet a biblical standard outlined in Micah 6:8:

*…to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with thy God.*

***What will the program accomplish?***

* Deepened sense of calling among the laity for justice and mercy in the local communities
* Increased connection outside of the church walls with people who are traditionally marginalized
* Transformation of lives through humble listening and connecting with neighbor and God

***What support is offered?***

Successful applicants will receive **up to** $5000 for costs associated with the approved project or program. The project or program will be completed between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019.

If the project is a multiple year project, the commission will consider renewal on an annual basis at a 10% reduction per year for a maximum of three years. Multiple year projects *must compete for funding annually and are not guaranteed continued funding.*

***Who is eligible to apply?***

1. *Racial/Ethnic ministries* of the Pacific Northwest Conference
2. Dominant culture ministries with existing or developing relationships with racial/ethnic or immigrant communities

***What are the requirements of the project or program?***

1. Projects or programs must be:

* Born from an intentional process of listening to the community to be served.
* Offer spiritual, intellectual, physical and/or social support that upholds the dignity and giftedness of the community to be served.
* Clearly linked to the mission of the church: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

2. Applicant must be willing and able to:

* Provide appropriate and timely reporting
* Establish measures of effectiveness and evaluate the project or program based on these measures. Measures should include some numeric measures, testimonials and stories.
* Report to the Commission on Ethnic Ministries on a quarterly basis. Reports will be due January 15, April 15 July 15, October 15, of each year for activities in the prior quarter.

***On what criteria will the application be judged?***

* A clear, compelling and feasible vision, born of listening and study, that upholds the dignity of the community to be served.
* Clarity on who will be involved, what issues are to be addressed, who will serve and who will be served.
* Objective outcomes (what will change) and examples of hoped-for stories of transformation for those served and those serving.
* Feasibility of the project to reach the mission field.[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Applicant’s ownership of the proposed program
* If this is a multiple year project or program, a plan for decreasing conference support for the ministry over time.

***Who can provide assistance as we write the application?***

Contact Kristina Gonzalez at kgonzalez@greaternw.org or 800-755-7710 x309 or Patrick Ferguson, Program Assistant for Leadership and Congregational Development at [pferguson@pnwumc.org](mailto:pferguson@pnwumc.org) or 800-755-7710 X302 to schedule an appointment.

***Deadline for Application***

Applications must be **received by August 10, 2018** at the PNW Conference Office, PO Box 13650, Des Moines WA 98198 or by email to Patrick Ferguson at pferguson@pnwumc.org.

Please note that the ***signature of the District Superintendent is required*** for the application to be considered complete. An email from the district superintendent will substitute for her/his/their signature.

Additional deadlines may be announced if funding is not depleted in the first round of applications.

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| **Application**  ***New Life, Vital and Growing Intercultural Ministries***  **September 2018 to August 2019** | |
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| *Applicant:* |
| *Contact Person:* |
| *Address/Phone:* |
| *Ministry Location:* |
| *Program or Project Title:* |
| *Amount of Funding Requested:* |
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**Answer the following questions.**

*1. Describe the program or project.*

* *Who will be served? (example: 1st generation immigrants, 1.5 generation, 2nd generation – a particular racial/ethnic or linguistic group – a particular age group within racial/ethnic or linguistic community)*
* *What will happen?*
* *When and where will it happen?*
* *How was the community to be served involved in developing the project or program?*
* *How will those served be invited into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?*
* *Who will serve?*
* *How will those serving be changed?*

*<type your answer here>*

1. *How does the proposed project or program reflect Micah 6:8 in terms of justice, kindness and/or humility?*

*<type your answer here>*

1. *How will you measure success? (Numbers served; testimonies and stories; changes in communities; other)*

*<type your answer here>*

1. *Governance*

*Describe who will govern the program or project? What is the racial/ethnic composition of the governing board or committee?*

*<type your answer here>*

1. *Describe the funding needed. How much will be needed for your program or project to be successful? Is the congregation or fellowship contributing financially to this program or project? If so, how much?*

*<type your answer here>*

1. *What is the timeline for implementing this program or project? At what intervals would you like to receive funding?*

*<type your answer here>*

***Attach a Detailed Program or Project Budget:***

*Include all sources of income*

*All categories of expenditure*

***Attach a statement regarding Applicant finances***

*Total Income from all sources*

*Total Expenditures*

*Total Reserves*

**Signatures**

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District Superintendent (This signature is to ensure that the district superintendent knows about the application. It is does not imply an endorsement of the application.)

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1. The mission field of a local faith community is its parish, whether defined geographically or by affinity group. The mission field will change with the context of the local faith community. For example, in a densely populated urban area, the mission field may be a 1-mile radius around the local faith community; in a rural area, the mission field may encompass a 20, 30 or 40-mile radius. In other cases, the mission field may be a particular ethnic, cultural or linguistic group. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)