

Commission on Ethnic Ministries  
2015 Application for Funding

*New Life: Vital and Growing  
Ethnic and Linguistic Faith  
Communities*

Due: March 2, 2015

Project Period: April 2015 through March 2016

# *New Life: Vital and Growing Ethnic Faith Communities*

A Program of the Commission on Ethnic Ministries

Pacific Northwest Conference

United Methodist Church

## ***What is it?***

*New Life*, a program of the Pacific Northwest Conference Commission on Ethnic Ministries, provides financial support to *racial/ethnic faith communities* (faith communities of color) and *linguistic faith communities* (first language other than English) that are developing or perfecting disciple-making systems that link intentionally to ministries of mercy and justice.

## ***Why offer such a program?***

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* is the mission of The United Methodist Church globally.<sup>1</sup>

Through study, the Pacific Northwest Conference is emphasizing two aspect of ministry to fulfill the mission of the church:

- Deeper commitment to a life in Christ through intentional and systematic spiritual formation (disciple-making systems)
- Faith in action locally resulting from spiritual development of members and constituents (mission-field engagement)

Though racial/ethnic and linguistic faith communities tend to be evangelical in nature, intentional work on linking evangelism to ministries of mercy and justice may propel these faith communities into greater growth and vitality.

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

- Increased commitment of members and constituents to Christian discipleship
- Deepened sense of calling among the laity for the justice and mercy ministry in the local community
- Increased connection outside of the church walls with people who need help and healing
- Transformation of lives through connection with God and neighbor

## ***What support is offered?***

Successful applicants will receive **up to \$5000** for costs associated with the approved program or project. The program or project will be completed between April 2015 and March 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> *The 2012 United Methodist Book of Discipline*, PG 91.

If the project is a multiple year project, the commission will consider renewal on an annual basis at a 10% decline 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* and *linguistic ministries* of the Pacific Northwest Conference
2. Dominant culture ministries developing new racial/ethnic or linguistic ministries

***What are the requirements?***

1. Program or project design to:
  - Develop or perfect spiritual development programs (discipling systems) in the local faith community. These systems will assist members and constituents to deepen their discipleship and develop further their commitment to serving the community. Projects may be for a particular segments of the faith community such as 1.5 or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation, young adults, working mothers, etc.
  - Tangibly link to new or existing justice and mercy ministries serving the local community
  - Offer spiritual, intellectual, physical and/or social support that is clearly linked to the mission of the church: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*
2. Applicant willing and able to:
  - Provide appropriate and timely reporting
  - Establish measures of effectiveness and evaluate the program or project 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 July 15, October 15, January 15 and April 15 of each year for activities in the prior quarter.

***What are the criteria for decision-making for initial application?***

- A clear, compelling and feasible vision for the ministry including who will be involved, what needs of the community will be addressed, who will serve and who will be served. The vision should identify objective measures and examples of hoped-for stories of transformation for those served and those serving.
- Feasibility of the project to reach the mission field<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

- 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?***

On Thursday February 12, 2015, the Commission on Ethnic Ministries will hold applicant support sessions via Skype or in-person at the Conference Offices to clarify granting requirements and assist applicants in shaping their proposals. Presentations on the Beyond the Doors program and New Life program will be offered at 10AM and 2PM. In addition, individual consultations with Kristina Gonzalez, Director of Leadership Development for an Inclusive Church, are available, on the same date, by appointment.

To schedule an applicant support session or an individual consultation, please contact 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 March 2, 2015** at the PNW Conference Office, PO Box 13650, Des Moines WA 98198 or by email to Patrick Ferguson at [pferguson@pnwumc.org](mailto:pferguson@pnwumc.org). Please note that the ***signature of the District Superintendent is required*** for the application to be considered complete. Additional deadlines may be announced if funding is not depleted in the first round of applications.

***Granting period:*** April 2015 to March 2016

**Application**  
***New Life, Vital and Growing Ethnic and Linguistic***  
***Faith Communities***  
**April 2015 to March 2016**

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Applicant:  
Contact Person:  
Address/Phone:  
Ministry Location:  
Program or Project Title:  
Amount of Funding Requested:

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**1. Describe the program or project.** Who will be served (*example: 1<sup>st</sup> generation immigrants, 1.5 generation, 2<sup>nd</sup> generation – particular racial/ethnic or linguistic group – particular age group within racial/ethnic or linguistic community*)? How will those served be invited into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ? How will those served serve others? When will it happen? Where will it happen?

*<type your answer here>*

**2. What will be accomplished and how will you measure success?**

In the description of the program (above), four goals were described:

- Increased commitment of members and constituents to their faith community
- Deepened sense of calling among the laity for the justice and mercy ministry in the local community
- Increased connection outside of the church walls with people who need help and healing
- Transformation of lives through connection with God and neighbor.

Which of these goals will be addressed? How will you measure success? (Numeric, testimonies and stories are all credible measure and a successful program will use some of each type of measurement.)

*<type your answer here>*

**3. Governance:** Describe who will govern the program or project? What is the racial/ethnic make-up of the governing board or committee?

*<type your answer here>*

**4. Describe the funding need.** Why does the faith community need funding to reach or better serve this population?

*<type your answer here>*

**5. 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**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Governing Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

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.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_