Purpose

To fund innovative approaches to ministry in the name of Jesus Christ so that the Good News and work of reconciliation and justice-making might extend to those not already reached by our churches.

Grants

From $5,000-$15,000/year for up to two years

More Information

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By Innovation, we mean:

- Doing something new in the context of the local church, and more particularly in the context of church in general.
- Introducing new methods, products, processes.
- Accelerating nascent change.
- Programs will not be considered innovative unless they result in significant new impact on church or community.

Grant Application Process

- Identify the project.
- Develop leadership.
- Clarify the “why” of your project and the “new” or innovative aspect of your project.
- Contact the Conference representative. We’d be delighted to start working with you before you put in the application.
- Write a letter of intent.
- Consider partners for your project.
- Work with stakeholders to develop support for the project.
- Identify sources of resourcing which might include: space, leadership, material goods, publicity, technology, funding.
- With the Conference green light, begin work on the Grant application and let us know when you do. You may send drafts to us and we’d be happy to give feedback.
- Think through your plan from input to impact. Consider using a Logic model for your project.
- Think through your action plan. Consider using a Gantt chart for your project.
- Finalize the application.
- Begin your project.

If you are interested

Please Write a letter or intent answering these questions:
- Describe the project for which you are seeking funding
- Why are you undertaking this particular project for which you are seeking funding?
- What is the purpose of the project.
- What outcomes do you wish to see as a result?
- What will be the projected impact?
- “In the language of innovation researchers, an innovation is a product or practice that is new to its developers and/or to its potential users.” (Klein and Knight, 2005) What is the “new” that you wish to create, cultivate or enact?

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