

“New Thing” Grant Request Application

***I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?***

Isaiah 43.19

In an effort to encourage congregations within Newton Presbytery to try something new to reach out into their communities, the Congregational Development and Redevelopment Committee (CDRC) offers New Thing Grants for up to \$2010 in the calendar year 2010.

Given out on a first-come/first-served basis, we encourage churches to imagine doing something totally new—not trying to re-create a ministry of the past—that meets a need within their community. Building projects will not be funded unless it is somehow related to a new ministry within the life of a congregation.

The CDRC meets the first Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, September, and November. In order for your application to be considered, you must send it to the chairperson (listed below) by the last Wednesday of the prior month in order to properly distribute it to committee members.

1. Date of request.
2.
 - a. Name, address, telephone number of: Church, Contact Person and Pastor.
 - b. Name of the group, board or committee that completed the application
 - c. Date of Session approval and signature of the Clerk of Session.
3. Amount of request.
4. Please describe the church and congregation.
 - a. Brief current history.
 - b. Extent of community involvement and service.
 - c. Most significant recent accomplishments.
 - d. Most significant new challenges/
 - e. Describe any significant community trends which either have affected or will affect your church in the near future.
5. What do you want to do?
 - a. Describe the project, ministry or program.
 - b. How do you plan to do it?
 - c. How is this a “New Thing?”
 - d. To what community trend is this a response?
6. Please attach a copy of your most recent:
 - a. Annual Report.
 - b. Annual Financial Report, including a listing of any endowment, building, capital improvement, memorial or reserve funds, even if they are designated or restricted.
 - c. Annual Statistical Report to the General Assembly.
 - d. Current Budget, including both anticipated income and expenses.
 - e. Indicate what percentage of your budget goes to mission.
7. Is the congregation current in its insurance, per-capita assessment, general mission pledge and Board of Pensions payments. If not, please explain what plans exist to make these payments.

PLEASE NUMBER ALL PAGES AND MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

The Rev. Robin Miller Curras
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