



Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

2012 Collegiate Ministry Grant Application Guidelines

May 3, 2011

At its stated meeting on January 18, 2011, the Synod affirmed collegiate ministry – including campus-based, congregational-based, and chaplaincy-based ministries – as a programmatic priority. Seeking to be faithful stewards of limited funds, while providing opportunities for new collegiate ministries, the Synod of Lakes and Prairies invites funding proposals for collegiate ministry for the calendar year 2012. We will consider proposals that would either provide short-term funding to help established ministries become self-sustaining in the near future, or would grant seed money for new ministries or for new initiatives of established ministries, or would provide leadership development opportunities for professional or volunteer ministry leaders. Our goals for collegiate ministry are thus student-centered, whether those students are reached through established ministries, through new initiatives, or through leadership development. Preference will be given to providing seed money for ministries that can become self-sustaining. Proposals for programmatic funding will be given priority over proposals for operational funding such as salaries or facilities.

Guidelines for Grant Applications

Successful grant proposals will meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Encourage biblical and theological literacy.
- Increase awareness and understanding of our Presbyterian and Reformed identity.
- Strengthen relationships between colleges, churches, and the PC(USA).
- Foster ecumenical or interfaith understanding.
- Raise broad multi-cultural awareness.
- Build community and facilitate networking.
- Raise the visibility of collegiate ministry.

2012 Collegiate Ministry Grant Application Process

Collegiate Ministry Grant proposals will be processed in the following sequence:

1. All proposals shall be submitted in a single Microsoft Word document as an e-mail attachment sent to the synod staff liaison to the Collegiate Ministry Task Force, Elona Street-Stewart, at estreetstewart@lakesandprairies.org.
2. The synod staff will forward the document to the Task Force.
3. The Task Force will consider proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year, as long as funds are available. The Task Force has the authority to approve requests for less than \$1500. For larger requests, the Task Force will present its recommendations to the next stated meeting of the Synod.
4. As the Task Force considers a proposal, it may request additional information or recommend additional work to strengthen the proposal.
5. The Task Force may negotiate a schedule of “staged funding” in which full funding is contingent on achievement of certain stages of the initiative.
6. The Task Force may choose to recommend a proposal receive full funding, or partial funding, or no funding.
7. Grant recipients shall report on the effectiveness of the project and anything learned through its implementation. A final report must be received and approved by the Task Force before it will consider any subsequent proposals from the same collegiate ministry.