Worship Witness Welcome Grants for 2015

Does your congregation have an idea, dream or vision for ministry in the areas of Worship, Witness, or Welcome but could use a financial boost to make it happen? The Northern Great Lakes Synod has dedicated funds for use by congregations to encourage evangelism and outreach ministry efforts. Congregations can use this opportunity to begin a new ministry or strengthen an existing one.

Proposals that have a clear outreach goal and target ministry to people who are not yet members of the congregation will be given priority.

Since there is no “one size fits all” ministry program, you decide the size and scope of the ministry project, event, or activity. Apply for the amount of grant dollars you need to help fund your idea—grant awards will be between $100 and $2000.

You will need to provide congregational matching funds that are 50% of the amount requested.

Fast Facts regarding the Worship Witness Welcome Grants:

~Where can I get an application?
- Online at www.nglsynod.org
- Call the synod office to request a copy of the application be mailed to you.
- Email kfinegan@nglsynod.org and request that the application be emailed to you.
- Ask your pastor or Licensed Lay Minister—each congregation received a copy of the grant in November 2014.

~How much can we ask for?
- Grant requests may range from $100 to $2,000. Congregations must match 50% of their request with congregational funding.

~When are grant applications due?
- March 15, 2015

~Where are applications sent?
- Email applications to the synod office at kfinegan@nglsynod.org.
- Mail to the NGLS Synod Office, 1029 North Third St., Marquette, MI 49855

~Need more information?
- Call Pastor Katherine Finegan at 906-228-2300
Some ideas......

~Worship
- Buy a new instrument, liturgy resource, rent space for a storefront worship service or a tent for an outdoor revival.
- Offer a “Coffee House” worship experience in a local restaurant after hours.

~Witness
- Equip members to visit first time visitors to your congregation.
- Plan a community meal for people who are generally homebound or isolated. Arrange for transportation and entertainment.
- Discover the needs in your community or the local school and work to meet that need.

~Welcome
- Facilitate an after school program or event for community youth.
- Partner with other local congregations to house the homeless through “Room at the Inn” or “Hope at the Inn”.
- Make your church more “user friendly”.
- Offer a training to equip members to offer welcome in the neighborhood.
- Add a Parish Nurse to the staff

~Grant Requirements~
- Provide a brief description of your ministry idea, project, program, event or activity, as well as a description of the expected outcomes.
- Provide a report of the ministry activity within 45 days of its conclusion, including digital photographs, if possible, and a brief article for possible publication that describes your ministry effort.
- Give permission to share your idea with other congregations across the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

~Grant Disbursements~
- Half of the grant award will be disbursed when a congregation is notified that a grant has been awarded.
- The second half of the grant will be disbursed when the report of the evangelism ministry activity has been received at the synod office.