

## **Congregational Development Grant Application**

### **Overview**

The objective of the Congregational Development Grant (CDG) Program is to support and encourage congregational vitality through assisting congregations in the implementation of our Diocesan Mission - Growing Congregations in Mission. The CDG Program exists to challenge and to support all of our congregations as they prayerfully reflect on current and proposed programs that deepen and strengthen congregational life.

The grant program seeks to support congregations in providing projects and programs for strengthening the congregation itself. These include, but are not restricted to:

- Strengthening congregations in order to better Invite, Form, Send and Serve
- Inviting people into the life of our congregations in a more effective manner
- Providing forming (learning) opportunities to various age and interest groups in our congregations
- Identifying members' qualifications, gifts and callings and connecting members with appropriate ministry opportunities
- Equipping people for ministry in their daily lives.

Successful grant applications will address new or expanded programs. Some examples might be: a new members' ministry workshop, the expansion of an existing youth program, a project to increase church visibility in the community and an adult education program. The committee encourages congregations to join to submit a grant application where appropriate. For purposes of this grant program, "congregations" include campus ministries, chaplaincies, deaneries and parish partnerships, as well parishes and missions of the diocese.

Although most grants will be for between \$2,000 and \$10,000, the committee will consider larger requests for appropriate programs.

The Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts through its operating budget is the grantor of the program. Diocesan Council has commissioned the Congregational Development Grant Committee with managing and administrating that program. In addition to reviewing applications and awarding support, the Congregational Development Grant Committee welcomes the opportunity to work with potential applicants in all aspects of its process.

### **Application Procedure**

Completed applications are due at the Diocesan Offices on or before Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Please mail or deliver twelve (12) collated copies of both the completed application and the supporting materials to:

Congregational Development Grants  
Attention: Lynn Smith  
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts  
138 Tremont Street  
Boston, MA 02111

### **Contact Information**

For questions, comments or suggestions please contact committee through Lynn Smith, telephone (617) 482-4826 ext. 488 or email [lynn@diomass.org](mailto:lynn@diomass.org).