**Principles and Parameters for New Diocesan Mission Initiatives Funding**

**(Formerly Strategic Ministries)**

**For INITIAL funding in 2019 and 2020 annual budget**

The Mission Initiatives Committee seeks proposals from already established churches and programs for **NEW** strategic ministry funding allocated in the 2019 annual diocesan budget (Congregational Development grants of up to $10,000 are a source of seed money for new ideas and projects).

*The Mission Initiatives Committee of Diocesan Council is responsible for making recommendations to Council and Diocesan Convention regarding congregations, programs and chaplaincies which receive funding through the annual diocesan budget. This work includes developing applications, establishing systems to enable goal setting and sustainability, recommending funding, and receiving reports and evaluations. We seek to include all areas of our diocese in our decision-making process and our granting of funds.*

Please note the following parameters for proposals:

* Only congregations or programs that have not received Strategic Ministry funding through the annual diocesan budget in the past will be considered.
* Funding is for 2019 only but congregations or programs awarded a grant may also be considered for funding in subsequent years.
* Maximum funding available for this call in 2019 is $45,000.
* Minimum requests: $10,000.
* This application for 2019 funding will also serve as an application for annual budget funding in 2020, if requested.
* We are especially interested in proposals from churches and programs that exist in areas of our diocese that currently do not receive Strategic Ministries funding.

**Guiding Principles for Aided Congregations and Diocesan-Supported Programs**

* Supporting ministries that reimagine congregations.
* Supporting outwardly focused ministries that serve our communities and engage the world.
* All congregations and programs should explicitly bring the Gospel to life.

***Application for Mission Initiatives Funding***

Name of congregation and/or program

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Contact person for this application (name, e-mail & phone number)

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Name of sponsoring clergy (if applicable)

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Initial grant requested for 2019: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Additional funding requested for 2020: $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: No answer more than 500 words

Describe your program or congregational initiative and its accomplishments to date:

Our diocesan mission strategy encourages us to reimagine our congregations, build our relationships and engage our world. How does this initiative or project facilitate that vision?

How did you identify the needs addressed through this initiative or program and how are you responding?

How is the Gospel made alive in this initiative or project?

How is this initiative or program administered?

How will Strategic Ministries funding help you accomplish your goals this year?

What are your other sources of funding?

What is your plan for expanding your capacity to raise funds so that you can become less dependent on Strategic Ministries funding through the annual diocesan budget?

What are the goals of this initiative or program beyond the first year?

Please submit the following information:

* Current and last year’s budgets, including all sources of funds and all expenditures
  + For Programs, both program budgets and complete budgets for sponsoring worship community should be included.
* Current Parochial Report
* Roster of governing body (vestry, board or advisory committee)