

Northeast Conference Congregation:

Attached to this site are the guidelines and the application for the Northeast Conference Evangelism Grant Program. This is a matching grant offered to Northeast Conference Congregations for the purpose of Evangelism Outreach in their respective congregation.

The funds for this grant are the result of a gift of Lutheran Church of Our Savior used to begin the fund plus yearly contributions from the Northeast Conference Congregations as a part of their Northeast Conference benevolence. The total amount to be funded each year will be determined by the NE Conference Council. Applications will be accepted beginning in January of 2009 with a deadline of April 1, 2009. Awards will be announced August 1 of 2009. All grants are for up to \$1200 and are to be equally matched by the applicant.

Applications may be submitted by email or surface mail to the chairperson of the grant committee. Please send to:

Email: mj.mikulski@verizon.net

Surface mail: Mary Jo Mikulski, chairperson
3223 Chancellor Dr.
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE EVANGELISM GRANT PROGRAM Matching Funds Grant Guidelines

GRANT PROGRAM MISSION AND PURPOSE

This program has been established by the Northeast Conference Council and administered by the Conference Outreach – Evangelism Team (CO-ET) to provide funding for Evangelism Outreach in congregations of the Northeast Conference. The Matching Funds Evangelism Grants Program is a ministry of the Northeast Conference.

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Grant awards will be limited to available funds designated by the Northeast Conference Council for grant funding. Grant funds awarded will not exceed the total amount raised by the applicant congregation or more than 50 percent of the total evangelism program costs. Applicants should not divert funds from Synodical Benevolence or Conference Benevolence to meet Evangelism Grant matching funds obligations.

Conference Benevolence Assessment provides a large portion of the Grant money. We hope for faithful giving by each congregation.

Final determination of awards will reside with the Northeast Conference Council following formal review and recommendations by the CO-ET. All decisions of the Northeast Conference Council are final and are made without provision for appeal.

For approved grant applications, all funds identified for the stated program or project, including all matching funds designated by the applicant congregation are to be spent in the manner stated in the grant application. Deviations from the project application narrative and description must first be approved by action of the Northeast Conference Council as counseled by the CO-ET. A written record of the Council's action concerning requests for spending deviations will be delivered to the congregation by the CO-ET Chairperson.

Upon completion of the funded Evangelism program or project the Congregation is expected to provide the CO-ET with a written report indicating the results of the Evangelism endeavor for the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of means. A detailed written account of spending for both the matching congregational funds and the granted funds must accompany the final report. The funds will be spent within one year of receiving the award.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be an ELCA congregation aligned with the Northeast Conference of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod to be eligible for grant awards.

Grants will be awarded for Evangelism programs designed for the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ through a variety of means.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The Conference Outreach-Evangelism Team (CO-ET) will cause the current year Grant Guidelines and Grant Application to be posted to the Northeast Conference Website as downloadable PDF files no later than January 15 of each year.
2. The CO-ET may designate individuals other than CO-ET members to serve as Grant Consultants whose function it will be to assist applicants with Grant Applications.
3. The applicant congregation will download and complete the Grant Application, attach the necessary documentation and mail or deliver the assembled package to the CO-ET Chairperson identified on the Application.
4. Grant Applications are to be postmarked or delivered no later than the Application Due Date stated on the Grant Application.
5. The CO-ET will meet to review Applications and prioritize the grants approved for funding. A written report on their recommendations will be submitted to the Northeast Conference Council for final approval.
6. The Council will review the report and take action within 15 days of receiving the CO-ET recommendations. The Action of the Council will be reported to the applicant congregations and posted on the Conference Website no later than July 15th each year.
7. The Conference Council will instruct the Treasurer as to the distribution of funds to the approved applicants. All checks shall be mailed for delivery on or before August 1st of each year.
8. It must be understood that it is possible that not all approved grants will be funded. Grant funding will be limited by the amount of funds available—thus the need for the CO-ET to prioritize the grants in their report on recommendations.
9. All decisions by the Northeast Conference Council are final. An Appeal process is not provided.