

Greetings!

We are thrilled that you and your parish have been exploring missional opportunities and have come up with an initiative to broaden your parish's missional reach. Those of us who serve on the Diocese of Calgary's Mission Funding Board would love to hear of your proposal as we seek to discern which projects God is calling the Anglican Diocese of Calgary to further support. Because we have limited resources, we won't be able to financially support all funding proposals; however, even if funding may not be available, we might be able to support in other ways (such as the sharing of resources available through our Diocesan Missional Coaches). Priority will be given to churches that have not received other financial support from the diocese in the past year and churches that have not received Mission Funding Board Grants in the past two years. The funds that are available are not to help prop up a church's budget because the parish has experienced a shortfall in giving nor to fund existing ministries of the church, but rather, they are available for new mission initiatives.

At this point it might be helpful to elaborate on what we mean by mission. We believe that mission initiatives are those that seek to reach out to others to share God's love in meaningful ways so that people outside of the church community might be drawn to a closer relationship with God. While our understanding of mission is fairly broad, it is not so broad that it includes "buying mops so that we can make our church look cleaner to those who may come to our church" but instead, initiatives that are directed towards those who are beyond the walls of our church. As Archbishop William Temple once said, "The Church is the only society in the world which exists for the benefit of those who are not its members." Help us on the Mission Funding Board to understand how your initiative will do that. Two guiding pieces of scripture that the Mission Funding Board have found helpful, both come from the Gospel of Matthew. In Matthew 28, just prior to his ascension, Jesus commands his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations and in Matthew 25 Jesus talks about reaching out in practical ways to those on the margins as an expression of reaching out to Jesus. We would like to hear how your initiative might live out those commands of Jesus.

On page two you will find the Mission Funding Board Request Form. Please share with us your vision and goals as clearly as possible to a maximum of 1000 words and be sure to include details that cover the questions below:

QUESTIONS

- ☐ What is the purpose for this request (vision, goals and desired outcome)?
- ☐ How will this initiative expand your parish's missional reach and impact the engagement of your parish in the community? (Be as specific as possible).
- ☐ How are the people of the parish supporting this request and undertaking?
- ☐ If this initiative were to extend beyond one year, what plans does your parish have to further support it in the future?
- ☐ What other missional initiatives has your parish tried in the past and what did you learn in the process?
- ☐ How does this request reflect our shared vision? (see below)

VISION

*To be a church that is inwardly **transformed** by Jesus. A church that
reflects the virtue and grace of Jesus.
A church reaching out to **proclaim** God's love to a broken world.*

MISSIONAL FUNDING BOARD REQUEST

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Name of Parish: _____

Name of Deanery: _____

Submitted by: _____

Date of Application: _____

Requested Amount: \$ _____

Date Funds are Required: _____

Please provide financial information that reflects your current financial position, giving us a sense of the need for the request including any variances from current budget and your current balance sheet.

Please provide a name and contact information in case it might be helpful for somebody on the Mission Funding Board to speak to directly to someone to help us understand more fully the mission initiative that you are proposing.

Contact Person _____ Email Address: _____ Phone # _____

We confirm the above and attached information is, to the best of our knowledge, true and sign this
_____ day of _____, 20_____, in the _____ of _____,
in the Province of Alberta:

Applicant's Name (print)

Applicant's Signature

Parish Incumbent's Name (print)

Parish Incumbent's Signature

Warden's Name (print)

Warden's Signature

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If you have any questions concerning this Funding Request, please contact the board using the following email:

diocese@calgary.anglican.ca