

Cross-Cultural Partnership Grant Funding

Introduction

Presbytery has allocated \$30,000 to encourage Presbytery entities to partner in cross-cultural ministry through grants administered by Cascades' Committee on Representation (COR) in consultation with the Board of Trustees. This came out of reflection on the Presbytery's own history, our faith, and our desire to live in unity with our siblings from whom we may feel separated by ethnicity, skin color, or culture.

Many congregations within the Presbytery are already engaged in cross-cultural partnerships, often through shared community efforts or building space. People who responded to the Presbytery survey on cross-cultural ministry indicated a desire for more opportunities, training and support in developing these partnerships. Those who had engaged in partnerships already indicated that they increased a feeling of awareness, understanding and a feeling of connection because of them.

Currently we are in the midst of race and culture related crises. This is a kairos moment. We need to respond as partners in ministry. Please consider how your congregation or other Presbytery entity can further the peace and justice called for by our times, to help bring about the Beloved Community.

Attached is an application form to be completed by all entity partners. Grant amounts may vary up to \$15,000. Propose what you think is reasonable for your partnership and make a case for it. The Committee on Representation will consider any grant proposals submitted at its monthly meetings.

We look forward to seeing how you intend to use your energy, intelligence, imagination, love, and some grant funds. Blessings.

Cross-Cultural Partnership Application Information and Application Requirements

Funding support for cross-cultural partnerships is available to congregations and other entities in the Cascades Presbytery. As funding is limited, applications will be reviewed carefully for conformance with these instructions.

PROCEDURE

It is important to have key foundational elements in order to be successful. The questions we are asking are intended to acquaint you with these and help you build a successful program.

SUBMITTAL

Original applications for Cross-Cultural Partnership Grants should be submitted by email to Stated Clerk, Paul Belz-Templeman (paul@potc.life). Applications will be considered by the Committee on Representation at its monthly meetings.

PRIORITIES FOR AWARDING GRANTS

The following criteria will be considered in establishing eligibility and priority for awarding grants:

- a. The organizing committee from each partnering entity has a commitment to engaging in cross-cultural partnerships.
- b. The organizing committee from each partnering entity has the entity members' support and participation.
- c. The cross-cultural partnership plan is realistic and sustainable in the judgment of the reviewing body.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Approval is dependent on the assessment of realistic success and sustainability of a proposed partnership's plan.

Cross-Cultural Partnership Grant Application (FORM FILLABLE)

The purpose for this grant is to enable Cascades' congregations and other Presbytery-related entities to form relationships with groups and organizations from whom they have been historically separated and to partner with one another in cross-cultural ministry

All the proposed partners should complete the application together and provide information for all the partners. If you have more than three partners, please add the additional contact information as well.

Date: _____

Name of partnering entity #1 _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Entity #1 contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of partnering entity #2 _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Entity #2 contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of partnering entity #3 _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Entity #3 contact person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Briefly summarize your proposal *(use additional pages as needed)*:

Please explore your vision with us and share your responses to the following questions. This is meant to assist the grant committee's understanding of your vision and to assist your developing a successful outcome. Please attach via a WORD or PDF file.

1. What is the racial/ethnic make-up of your entities? (Do this for each partnering entity)
2. How have your entities engaged with other racial /ethnic groups in the past?
3. How will this cross-cultural partnership enhance or expand the ministry and mission of your entities?
4. Talk about the committee that will guide your entities in this partnership. Who will chair the committee? How many people does it have? What inspired them to take a leadership role in creating a cross-cultural partnership?
5. Do you desire any kind of support from the Committee on Representation or the presbytery?
6. How much money are you applying for? (Maximum grant is \$15,000 and the entities will be responsible for at least 10% of the project cost.
7. When will this partnership begin? Does it have a projected ending date?
8. What is your rough budget?
9. How will you assess the success or effects of your partnership's work?

Please attach any expanded descriptions, estimates, or proposals on this project with this application.

Please have an appropriate person from each partnering entity sign below.

Signature: _____
(Pastor, Clerk of Session, or other authorized signer)

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Thank you for your proposal. We look forward to reviewing it and sharing your insights, aspirations, and plans on how to make progress toward the Beloved Community.