

**Halifax Presbytery Restricted Legacy Funds
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Revitalization and New Ministry Initiatives Fund

Purpose: The Fund is to be used to support communities of faith (congregation or pastoral charge) within Region 15 who are seeking revitalization and who have a plan for moving forward but require some additional financial support. Support from the Fund is in the form of a grant. Areas of support are described below and are intended as general guidelines rather than completely definitive:

- To hire a consultant to work with a congregation to create a vision and help navigate a path to the future.
- To help with training/ funding an additional staff person for a new focus in ministry, for example a Parish Nurse reaching into the community, or to purchase equipment to support such a program.
- for leaders to enroll in online education to strengthen skills which will be used to implement a strategic plan
- to purchase online or print resources to educate leaders
- to update technology in order to expand online presence in the community
- to engage a Professional advisor to assist with the following:
 - assessing the feasibility, design and or implementation of building improvements related to energy efficiency, space repurposing and/or accessibility issues
 - programming initiatives related to webcasting & social media strategies, marketing studies & community partnerships, & programming design for children, youth or adults
 - retirement and demolition of surplus buildings & properties that are not saleable given their current unsatisfactory state. The advice includes identification of hazardous materials and mitigation and demolition program design based upon the hazardous materials assessment.
- any application that can demonstrate a valid revitalization and or new ministry initiative that has not otherwise been contemplated in the guidelines above.

The Region itself, through a committee or an appointed working group could also make application to use the money to support an event which would be of benefit to the entire Region.

This funding is not eligible to be used to maintain the status Quo or to meet regular expenses.

Eligibility: Any faith community within Region 15 who can demonstrate a plan for moving forward including a demonstrated commitment to follow through as well as financial need. The faith community must not be in arrears for any United Church assessments or have been in receipt of an award from this Fund within the same Calendar year.

Maximum Grant: \$5,000 per congregation. Multiple faith communities can partner together and each apply for funding to support a common initiative.

Application Intake: Applications may be submitted for review throughout the year. Funding decisions will be made on submitted applications, provided they are complete in every aspect, at the next scheduled meeting of the appropriate Regional body assigned the responsibility of grant application review and approval. Applicants may be asked to make a short presentation, by teleconference or in person, in support of their request.

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Application for a Revitalization and New Ministry Initiatives Fund Grant

Congregation:

Contact Information

Name/Position:

E-mail Address:

Phone number:

Please provide up to two pages to describe your Revitalization Project making sure you cover the following categories as appropriate.

- Share your vision and goals
- Who will be participating?
- If you are looking to hire a consultant, how often will you meet and for how long?
- How will this project support the personal and spiritual enrichment of your faith community?
- How will this project encourage the learning of new skills to support the everchanging reality of faith communities in the 21st century?
- Are you partnering with any other organizations?
- How will this project be self-sustaining?

Provide a detailed budget for your proposal and specify the amount you are requesting as a grant.

Grant applicants may be asked to make a short presentation as the grant is considered.

All grant recipients will be expected to provide a follow-up report to indicate to what extent their project objectives were accomplished.

Please email grant applications to the Regional Council 15 attention Jennifer Whittemore at the address noted below jwhittemore@united-church.ca.