**MILWAUKEE PRESBYTERY**

**CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY GRANT**

**APPLICATION**

**Introduction:** *The purpose of the Commission on Congregational Vitality is to support innovative, creative, and connectional congregational ministries that enhance the vitality of congregations and empower leaders.* One of the ways the Commission on Congregational Vitality offers this support is through grants to Milwaukee Presbytery congregations and ministries focused on vitality.

The purpose of Congregational Vitality Grants is to provide needed financial support towards efforts in congregational vitality. Grants may be awarded for one-time projects or as part of a focused effort over time. They may not be used to support staff positions but should focus on increasing the engagement of the congregation. Congregations who receive vitality grants are responsible for accounting for funds used and providing an evaluation of the initiative at its completion. Unused grant funds are to be returned to the Presbytery (a request to retain unused funds for continuation of vitality efforts may be made.)

In the context of the church, being vital refers to both our energy and excitement in our life in Christ together *and* our witness to being disciples of Christ in the world. In conjunction with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA), the Presbytery of Milwaukee has noted these marks of vital congregations:

Lifelong Discipleship, Evangelism, Empowered Leadership, Outward Focus, Inspiring Worship, Caring Relationships, and Ecclesial Health.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROPOSAL**

**Project Title** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Names of Congregation and Person(s) Who Overseeing the Project** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact Information**

 **Primary Contact** Click or tap here to enter text.

 **Phone** Click or tap here to enter text.

 **Email** Click or tap here to enter text.

 **Website (If applicable)** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Resources Needed**

 **Financial**

1. **Amount requested from Congregational Vitality** Click or tap here to enter text.
2. **Total proposed budget for project completion** Click or tap here to enter text.
3. **Congregation’s Financial Contribution** Click or tap here to enter text.
4. **Other Financial Contributors “please use chart below”**

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| **Churches/Groups/Organizations** |  **Role in Project** | **Financial Contribution** |
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**Please include a detailed financial budget as well implementation plan including: organizers, volunteers, pastoral/session/deacon/other support, timeline, supplies, etc. needed to achieve this project.**

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**Describe the Project Including:**

1. The purpose (goals) of this initiative particularly as they relate to the congregation’s vitality (which mark(s) of vitality you are seeking to address)
2. The overarching mission/vision of the congregation
3. How this initiative fits in with that mission/vision
4. How you will evaluate and assess the impact of this initiative on the congregation’s vitality

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 **Date of Session Approval** Click or tap here to enter text.