Presbytery of Northern Waters Church Vitality Fund Grant Application

About the fund: The Church Vitality Fund was generously created and funded by the Presbytery of Northern Waters at the closure of churches who have donated to the mission of the church and through the sale of buildings and church property. The fund is designated to be used for new mission development or new worshipping community development and is implemented by the Program Strategy Committee.*

PROJECT NAME:

Primary Contact Person (and email):

AMOUNT OF REQUEST: % of total project budget?

HOW WILL THE GRANT BE USED?:

Note- For all requests under $5,000 the Program Strategy Committee will facilitate grant awarding and decisions. Any request at or above $5,001 will additionally need the approval of the Presbytery's Leadership Council. Any request at or above $30,001 will need the approval of the entire Presbytery.

Other leaders serving with the contact person:

Application Date:

Northern Waters Congregational Partner(s) (if any):

Narrative Responses (Please respond in detail)

1. How are you supported by and accountable to your partner congregation, your presbytery, and/or the Synod of Lakes & Prairies?:

2.What inspired you to take up this project and describe your discernment process (Any Scripture texts connected to your project?):

3.How does your role in this project fit with the way you have seen God using you and your church in the past and now?:

Describing Your Endeavor

1. Is this a new project?: (This grant is only for new projects and for projects already awarded funds.)

2. Describe your project in detail:

What is your project?**

How does it fit within one of these 7 marks of congregational vitality which are:

1.A commitment to forming disciples over every member's lifetime. 2. Embracing the call to evangelism. 3. An outward focus. 4. Empowering every member to discover their individual calling and the gifts God has given them so they can go forth and serve. 5. Spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts and energizes us. 6. Caring relationships modeled on God's love. 7. Congregations with healthy systems.

How is your congregation involved in and committed to this project/work?

What group of people are you hoping to reach in a new/different way?

How do you plan on contacting them and how will you get the word out to those you don't know?

How do you plan on following up with participants?

3. All said and done, everything works the way you hope it does, what does your communities' hope and desired impact for this project actually look like?

4.What will the funds be used for? (Please be as specific as possible and feel free to attach a budget.)

5. Would you be willing to have members of the presbytery visit your initiative to learn more?

6. If approved would you be willing to present at Presbytery about your program & its impact?

For those applying for projects that have already been awarded a grant from the Church Vitality Fund for the above endeavor:

7. How much did you last receive?

9. What metrics do you have in place to measure the effectiveness of your work? (People served, people regularly engaging in worship, lives changed or liberated, self sustaining, community engagement…feel free to also tell a story or two here.)

10. Is your endeavor financially sustainable? (Please attach relevant financial statements.)

11. Why would an additional influx of funds be helpful or necessary for your work?

Clerk of Session: _____ Date: _____

Project Lead: _____ Date: _____

Email your grant application to: Presbytery Office Administrator: Amanda Keppers (presbyteryofnorthernwaters@gmail.com) who will forward the application to the current Progr am Strategy Chairs.
CC: General Presbyter: Rev. Rich Blood (reblood@msn.com), Stated Clerk: Rev. Brad Carloss (brad.carloss@gmail.com) Treasurer: Jay Wilkinson (j.jay.wilkinson@gmail.com)

*An application for a grant does not guarantee that your project will receive one.

Note- funds from this grant may **not be used for church debt relief or capital expenses. (However, capital expenses which are tied directly to a very specific mission may be considered. An example: We needed to run plumbing and electrical for the 4 washers and dryers we set up in an unused room of our church to provide laundry services to folks experiencing homelessness.)