

New Church Start (NCS) Grant Categories

Funding Year 2017-2018

The Categories/Types of Missional Church Development (MCD) Grants

The West Ohio Conference budgets a limited amount of funding for the following types of New Church Development Grants each year. Priority will be given to the West Ohio NCS strategic plan alignment:

1. Grants for New Congregations/Sites—(partnered churches, parachute drops, closed/reopened church, adoption, takeover, multi-site, vital merger, second campus, satellite)

- Maximum of \$300,000 available over three years (must re-apply each year)
- Needs to be a project that has not already begun
- Planting partners must meet all readiness requirements
- Parent church or planter will be required to raise agreed—upon funding

2. Multi-ethnic New Church Start Grant—Designed for a new worshipping community led by a minority pastor to reach a multiethnic audience

- Maximum of \$350,000 available over four years (must re-apply each year)
- Needs to be a project that has not already begun
- Planting church needs to meet all readiness requirements
- Planter will be required to raise agreed—upon funding

3. Urban New Church Grant—Awarded to new worshipping communities focusing on social justice in urban areas.

- Maximum of \$350,000 available over four years (must re-apply each year)
- Needs to be a project that has not already begun
- Planting church needs to meet all readiness requirements
- Planter will be required to raise agreed—upon funding

4. Creative Multiplication Grants— Created to support the establishment of a new worshipping community to reach a new/different population or location, can also include new missional communities.

- Maximum of \$25,000 available for one year only
- Can be awarded to a project that has already begun
- Planting church needs to meet all readiness requirements
- Parent church will be required to provide agreed—upon funding



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- Spring Request —**Deadline April 15, 2017 (disbursement date TBD)**
- Fall Request —**Deadline September 15, 2017 (disbursement date TBD)**

- I have had an initial conversation with the Director of New Church Development about this request.



West Ohio NCS Mission:

To be a diverse movement of church-planting churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Total amount requested for this project: \$ _____

Name of Parent Church/Organization: _____

Name of New Church Start: _____

Have you been funded by Missional Church Development NCS grants in previous years?

Yes No If so, when and how much? _____

Have you received or are you receiving district funding for this project?

Yes No If so, when and how much? _____

Type of New Church Start Grant Request:

- New Congregation/Site Grant
- Multi-ethnic New Church Start Grant
- Urban New Church Grant
- Creative Multiplication Grant

Important Notes:

- Grant approval in any given year does not guarantee approval for additional funding in subsequent years.
- Grants for New Church Starts are generally not awarded for more than 3 consecutive years.
- Parent churches that receive grants are expected to pay 100% apportionments during grant application year and grant recipient year.
- Churches that have gone on record as withholding apportionments in protest will be automatically disqualified for consideration.
- Grant recipient churches are expected to:
 - 1—Submit agreed—upon benchmark reports on time
 - 2—Enter fruitfulness data online in the West Ohio Conference "*Breakthrough*" Dashboard.
- Anyone receiving a MCD New Church Start grant must complete all NCS assessments as well as completed or be enrolled in the Greenhouse training.
- Parent church must take the Readiness 360 assessment.



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Initiator Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Parenting Church Pastor (if applicable):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Planting Pastor appointed to New Church/New Site Start:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Local Church(es) involved in the New Church Start (if applicable)

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

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Ministry Abstract

Please attach your 250-word (or less) overview including the following:

1. NCS Description, including type of NCS (*e.g. parent-child, multi-site, etc.*)
2. Describe the goals, objectives, vision of this NCS.
3. Demographic to be reached, and how this demographic fits with who the planting pastor is, and how that demographic is reflected in the surrounding area.
4. Summary of why you believe the given NCS pastor is in fact a transformational leader and has a track record as such. Include:
 - a. Average worship attendance for the last 10 years for the church(es) where this NCS pastor has pastored. For each of the 10 years, list year, church name, average worship attendance.
 - b. If this is a parent-child or multi-site model, give the average worship attendance for the last ten years of the church(es) where the senior pastor (*parent church pastor*) has pastored.
 - c. If this is a parent-child or multi-site model, give the average worship attendance for the last ten years of the parent church, if different than “b” above. (*This would be different than “b” if the senior pastor of the parent church has come to the parent church within the last 10 years.*)
5. Do you have any plans for multiplication/planting more campuses?

Initial Organizing Plan

Please attach your 250-word (or less) overview including the following:

1. Describe the way the leadership team will be (is being) recruited, formed, and trained for this NCS.
2. What are your essential ministries? (*“Essential ministries” means those ministries that are essential to reaching your target demographic, and therefore must be in place before launch.*)
3. Describe your initial best 5-7 ways the pastor and leadership team will network in the target community.
4. In what type of facility do you envision starting? (Rented, leased, your own building)
Describe attendance projections for the first five years. When will you outgrow it?
5. Describe your plans for worship style.
6. Describe your plans for preview events. (*These are events that give the community a chance to “come-and-see” prior to launch.*)
7. Describe your plans to create and launch an intentional disciple making process.
What will the “fruit” specifically look like, if effective?
8. Describe your specific plans to create and launch a stewardship education/initiative in your NCS (*and at the parent church, if there is not one in place.*)
9. Please provide the record of apportionment giving for the last three years (*or the record for the NCS’s parent church.*)

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Assessments & Training Plans

1. When will, or has, the NCS pastor completed a “formal assessment” process? _____
2. What is the plan for ongoing NCS coaching? _____

 - This coaching relationship must be someone approved by the Director of New Church Development.
3. Is there a goal/date when you plan for the NCS to become chartered? _____
 - It is an expectation that every new church start will flourish and become a fully recognized, chartered United Methodist Church.

Projected Cost and Income

Please attach a brief listing of major costs, in budget form, involved to conduct the NCS. Also, please include your summary for becoming self-sustainable/financially independent.

- All applications should include your current/proposed budgets. (*Provide projected expenses and income for the new church start, from all sources.*)

Also provide:

- Expense budget, including equipment, personnel, other specific cost projections.
- Income budget, including matching funds provided by local church for each year.
- Resources provided by your district for each year.

Key Agreements

Type or write your initials in the blanks, indicating your commitment to each item.

1. The NCS pastor agrees that this project will be immersed in prayer. _____
2. The NCS pastor commits to having the Director of New Church Development come for on-site visits at least twice each year during the duration of your grant. _____
3. The NCS pastor agrees to include spouse and launch team in these conversations. _____
4. The NCS pastor agrees that an intentional disciple making process will be a strategy implemented and emphasized in this project. _____
6. The NCS pastor agrees that a fundraising/stewardship initiative will be developed and implemented in the project. _____
7. The NCS pastor understands that if this project is associated with a parent church, the parent church is expected to pay 100% apportionments for the grant application year and the grant recipient year. _____



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Benchmarks

In order to track progress, you will work with the Director of New Church Development to establish agreed-upon benchmarks. This will help the pastor, church, District Superintendent, and MCD team track progress.

Note: The Director of New Church Development may recommend additional specific benchmarks that will be tracked to ensure vitality and fruitfulness of your NCS project.

Signatures

Name of parent church/organization: _____

Name of district: _____

Name of parent church pastor: _____

Name of planting (NCS) pastor: _____

This is to certify that the following parties have read this Missional Church Development NCS grant and approve of its submission to the West Ohio Conference. Failure to attach the signature page fully complete with all signatures by deadlines listed on page 1, will render your application incomplete and disqualify it from consideration.

Parent Church senior pastor signature: _____

Date: _____

Planting (NCS) pastor signature: _____

Date: _____

District Superintendent signature: _____

Date: _____

Director of New Church Development signature: _____

Date: _____

Please print, sign and email your grant to: bradaycock@wocumc.org

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