

**Creative Ministry Fund  
Presbytery of Carlisle**

Administered by Strengthening Our Congregations Committee

**PURPOSE OF FUND**

The Creative Ministry Fund provides grants to support creative and/or emerging ministries that will strengthen individual congregations. New ministries in all areas of church life may be considered: Christian education, congregational transformation, evangelism, leadership development, member care, mission development, youth and young adult ministry, etc.

**CRITERIA FOR FUNDING**

- \* Any size congregation may apply.
- \* Application must be approved by the Session.
- \* Amount of grant is determined by need, as described on Application.  
(There is no stated limit on the size of the grant, however, this is intended to be “seed money” for the start-up of new initiatives.)
- \* Congregation must share the cost. 50/50 is encouraged, but negotiable.
- \* Application may be made at any time. SOC Committee meets monthly (except July) and will review and act on applications as soon as possible.

**Creative Ministry Fund - Application - Part I**

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested from Creative Ministry Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Session Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Creative Ministry Fund - Application - Part 2**

Please attach a separate sheet of paper to respond to these items.

- A) Describe the creative or emerging ministry for which you request funding.
- B) How will this strengthen your congregation?
- C) Attach a financial plan showing:
  - Total estimated cost of new ministry
  - Amount to be funded by the congregation
  - Amount funded from other sources (Exclude the Presbytery of Carlisle)
  - Total unmet need

**Submit completed Application to: Strengthening Our Congregations Committee,  
3040 Market Street, Suite #1, Camp Hill, PA 17011**

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Date Received	_____	Date Action Taken	_____
Amount of Grant Awarded	_____	Grant Denied	_____
Signature of SOCC Chair _____			