



Western Pennsylvania Conference of the  
United Methodist Church  
Parish and Community Development Committee

New Faith Communities  
Grant Renewal Request

*Fall 2018 Deadline: September 21st*

1. WPAUMC New Faith Community Grants may be renewed for up to three years, with the approval of the Parish & Community Development Committee. Each grant recipient shall meet at least **annually** with the Committee for a Renewal Interview.
2. Your completed Grant Renewal Request should include:
  - a. Project Overview with signatures (attached)
  - b. Benchmarks Report (attached)
  - c. Budget (previous year income/expense report AND the coming year budget)
  - d. Narrative (see attached)
3. The attached Grant Renewal Request is intended to provide a starting point for our conversation. Please be prepared to share **specific stories** from your ministry when you meet with the P&CD Committee. If you wish, you may bring a video or slide presentation to assist in telling the story. These should be coordinated with P&CD ahead of time to ensure technological support.
4. Completed Grant Renewal Requests may be mailed in hard copy or e-mailed. They should be submitted **two weeks prior to the Renewal Interview**. Please use the following addresses:

Hard Copy: WPAUMC Parish & Community Development Committee  
c/o Rev. David L. Ewing  
Greenstone UMC  
939 California Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15202-2709

E-mail: [PastorDavidE@live.com](mailto:PastorDavidE@live.com)

### Project Overview

**Church** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Oversight Committee Chairperson or Contact

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you intend to continue this coaching relationship in the coming year?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a one-paragraph summary of your new faith community's identity, including mission, values and current vision.**

**Signatures:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_

Oversight Committee Chair

\_\_\_\_\_

District Superintendent

## Benchmarks Report

Please complete all that apply.  
If n/a, you may be asked to explain why at the Renewal Interview.

- 1) Average Number of Networking Contacts/Week \_\_\_\_\_  
(Should be minimum 5 new persons weekly)
- 2) Number of Gathering or "Come and See" Events in the past year \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Average Weekly Participation in Regularly Scheduled Events

Event	Frequency	Avg # of Participants
Ex: Worship	monthly	55
Small Groups	weekly	32
Service Opportunities	monthly	26
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

- 4) Current Number of Small Groups, Cell Groups, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Number of community service opportunities offered in the last year \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Current number of persons in active congregational leadership roles \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Number of participants supporting this ministry with regular giving  
(i.e., number of giving units) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) P&CD Grant Monies Received to Date \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) P&CD Grant Monies Requested for Coming Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) What else are you measuring in your context? Give us an update in those areas.

### **Narrative**

Please provide brief answers for the following.  
In most cases, 1-2 paragraphs or a short list will be adequate.

- 1) What goals have you accomplished in the last year?
- 2) What obstacles have you faced? How have you made mid-course adjustments?
- 3) What are some specific goals for the coming year?
- 4) What is your process or plan for disciple making? What is the fruit of that process to date (i.e., how are lives changing, and where do you see growth in faith)?
- 5) How are you serving the community? What is your outreach strategy?
- 6) Describe your approach to stewardship & fund raising. What is your plan to become financially sustainable?
- 7) Who is intentionally supporting your ministry in prayer? How do you communicate with them?
- 8) Are your leaders Safe Sanctuaries compliant? If not, what are you doing about it?
- 9) To whom are you accountable in this work, and how/how often do you communicate with them? For example, you may relate to an Oversight Team, District Superintendent, Director of Congregational Development, Coach, etc.
- 10) How can we best support you and your ministry? What resources or help do you need?