



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

New Faith Communities
Grant Renewal Request

Spring 2020 Deadline: February 24th

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

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.

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?

Signatures

We have provided all of the above information to the fullest extent possible. We understand if we are unable to complete the plan as written or have to make modifications to the plan, we will notify the Parish & Community Development committee as well as the Conference's Director of Congregational Development and Revitalization. We also understand that we are responsible for submitting financial reports and evaluations of the outcomes, as requested. (The reporting requirements will be explained when the grant is awarded. Larger financial awards will have more reporting requirements.)

Pastor

Date

Church Council or Administrative Board Chair

Date

Project Manager

Date

District Superintendent

Date

If this project is a cooperative effort, please include a signature page for each church.