

**2014 TRANSFORMATION GRANT APPLICATION
COMMITTEE FOR CHURCH REVITALIZATION AND TRANSFORMATION**

The Presbyterian slogan proclaims “A Church Reformed and Always in Need of Reform.” In order to remain a vital witness to God’s Kingdom at hand these days, we must be open to transforming the way we communicate the joy of the Gospel to people who have not heard it, or who have stopped hearing it. This grant may help congregations purchase new technologies, devices or services that might not fit into a congregation’s already slim budget. We hope to allocate roughly half of our grant money toward “technological” applications that go beyond enhancing the church experience for current members. All of our grant money is intended to help churches minister either directly to people who do not have a regular church home or to help churches *prepare* to reach such people. Our committee looks favorably upon creativity, such as a congregation who, instead of simply asking for a “free projector,” asks our help in hiring a new musician for a month to see if new styles of music help bring in new faces. One last word: if you do not use the money within a year in ways to reach out to new people, or if you do not report back to our committee about your experience, your session will need to pay back the grant money so we can put it in the hands of a congregation who will use it and report back.

Name of Congregation:

Congregation Mailing Address:

Person Submitting Grant: (name) _____ **(phone)** _____

In case we have questions

(email) _____ **(Date Submitted)** _____

Part I. Grant’s Vision and Request

1. How did you hear about this grant?
2. What are you looking for assistance in buying (could be a good or service)?
3. How would this (technology/assistance) help you minister (or prepare to minister) to newer generations of people, visitors, people not already attending another church and new members?
4.
 - a. How much would it cost?
 - b. Why this particular make/model/service/seller instead of another?
 - c. How much money will your church(es) commit to put toward it?
 - d. How much are you asking CCRT to give in this grant?
5. What is the congregation’s attitude toward this purchase?

Part II. Readiness for Grant

1. **Congregations seeking a grant must first have a visible web presence. Do you? _____**
This means that one of the first three pages of a Google Search for a Presbyterian Church in (your town / area) will yield both:
- 1) a Google Site listing of your church (map, address, phone number) and
 - 2) Either a website or active Facebook page for your church

The minimum of this can be done at no cost and with about an hour of work. Please visit www.revitalization.weebly.com and click on "Be Seen on the Web!" to learn more. After reading this, if you have more questions, please leave a message with Evan Harrison (910-483-5758) and he will get back to you.

2. **Congregations seeking a grant must have volunteers willing to implement it. Do you? _____**
Please list the people who have taken responsibility for using the technology you seek along with their signatures and the description of how they will use it.
- Ex. James Smith: use projector in confirmation class and youth group.
 - Betty McDonaldsburg: use of projector at fellowship meals and holiday craft days.
 - Pastor Pat: use of projector for Seekers Bible Study.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>How they will use/implement</u>
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3. **Does your session agree that it will pay back to the Presbytery any money your congregation is awarded from this grant if it does not use such money within a year of receiving it to help prepare to reach or directly reach people without church homes or does not report its progress with CCRT? (Your plan doesn't have to work perfectly as long as you give it a solid attempt and communicate with CCRT.) If "yes," please list the vote for a motion to this effect as well as the signatures of your clerk or Moderator of Session showing the accuracy of this grant.**

Date of session meeting: _____ Number voted: For ___ Against ___ Abstain ___

Clerk of Session

Date: _____

Pastor, CRE or Moderator of Session

Date: _____

Please mail application to:
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
ATTN: Nancy Gladden
807 West King Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

Applications will be considered and potentially funded throughout the year. You will receive notification when your application has been received and also when a decision has been made regarding your request.