



West Virginia Western Maryland Synod-ELCA Seed Planted Application

Each year, the West Virginia Western Maryland Synod provides grants of up to \$2,000 for two congregations in the synod through the Seed Planted Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support evangelism activities in congregations of the synod. Congregations have used the grant money for several different types of projects such as revivals, initiating community Bible studies, enhancing worship, and programs designed to bring new people into the life of the congregation. **Criteria** for the grants are as follows:

1. Programs, projects and activities funded must be designed to bring new people into the life of the congregation.
2. The request needs to be approved by the congregational council or congregation.
3. The congregation needs to show commitment to the program, project or activity through financial support and/or in kind contributions.

The **grant application** needs to include the following:

1. A description of the project, program or activity and how it fits into the evangelism plan of the congregation and how the congregation will be involved.
2. A detailed budget that includes anticipated sources of funding and expenditures.

Congregations receiving a grant are **required** to submit a report detailing the results of the program, project or activity. For a one time activity like a revival, a report needs to be submitted after the event. For an ongoing program or project, a report should be submitted after three months. Funds not used for the stated purpose are to be returned to the Synod for use in other congregations.

Grant applications are to be submitted electronically to the Chairperson of the Committee, Pastor Marjorie Lauver, ladycharge77@hotmail.com and to Assistant to the Bishop Helen Harms, Helen.harms@elca.org.