



Canadian Shield Regional Council Growth Grant

Seed grants to support Communities of Faith within Canadian Shield Region in developing ministries of growth and sustainability. Grants of up to \$5000 are available to support ministry in the following areas:

- 1. Ministry with new Canadians,*
- 2. Visioning and strategic planning for sustainability, and*
- 3. Formal collaborative ministry with other communities of faith*

Please submit your completed application (Parts I, II and III) to Canadian Shield Regional Council minister Melody Duncanson-Hales, mduncanson-hales@united-church.ca

Part I

Project name: _____

Contact person: _____
(The individual who is the best contact person for questions about the project.)

Phone (contact person): _____ E-mail (contact person): _____

Applying body: _____
(The Community of Faith where funds would be direct deposited)

Full mailing address (applying body): _____

Project/program timeline: _____

Has this project received Canadian Shield Regional Council funds in the past? ☐ yes ☐ no

If yes, when, for how much, and what elements of the project have changed?

Community of Faith Governing Body Action

It was moved by _____ and seconded by _____

and carried that the community of faith governing body be authorized to make application to Canadian Shield Regional Council for a Growth Grant of \$ _____ to support growth and sustainability, in service and engagement with the wider community.

Grant Request and Starting Date:

Amount requested: \$ _____ for the year _____ to begin _____ (month, day).

The project we have described reflects the activities we are proposing to undertake.
Funds received from Canadian Shield Region will be spent in accordance with the purpose outlined in this application.

Signature: _____

Date of action: _____

Office held: _____

Part II

On a separate page, please answer the following general questions (include questions in your response):

1. What is the context in which this ministry will be situated? Share a little of your story, what inspired this project or ministry, the story of your setting and community.
2. Why are you applying for this grant?
3. What kind of support beyond funding might you need to ensure the success of your project?
4. If this application is successful, how will you share the outcomes and lessons learned from your project with other communities of faith or the broader church network?
5. If this application is successful, how will this financial support be recognized?
6. What is the budget for this project?
7. What is the financial plan for the future of this project? How do you plan to sustain the activities or initiatives started with this grant in the long term?

Part III

On a separate page, please respond to the appropriate set of questions most applicable to the subject area of your project (include questions in your response):

Ministry with New Canadian Populations

1. Describe the specific needs of new Canadian populations in your community. How did you identify these needs?
2. What specific programs or initiatives are you planning to implement to address these needs?
3. How will the project foster integration, community belonging, and cultural exchange among new Canadians and the broader congregation?
4. What are the expected outcomes of your ministry with new Canadians over the grant period?

Visioning and Strategic Planning for Sustainability and Growth

1. Outline the strategic planning process you intend to undertake. Who will be involved in this process?
2. What are the long-term goals of your community of faith? How does this project align with those goals?
3. Describe any previous efforts at strategic planning and the lessons learned from those experiences. How will this inform the current project?
4. What measures or indicators will you use to assess the effectiveness of your strategic planning in achieving sustainability and growth?

Formal Collaborative Ministry with Neighbouring Congregations

1. Identify the neighbouring congregations with which you plan to collaborate. What are the roles and contributions of each congregation?
2. Describe the goals of this collaborative effort. What specific projects or initiatives will you undertake together?
3. How will clustering with other congregations enhance the capabilities and resources of your own community of faith?
4. What challenges do you anticipate in collaborating with other congregations, and how do you plan to address them?