

Reflection Questions for Consistories (or Classis Committees) to Consider before Applying for a Classis Foundation Grant

Area 1 Pastoral Renewal

How will what you propose serve to support the pastor personally?

How will what you propose serve to support the pastor's family (if relevant)?

How will what you propose serve to improve or deepen the relationship between the pastor and the congregation?

How do you plan to cover the responsibilities the pastor would normally fulfill while the pastor is participating in the activities described in this application?

Please note: All applications concerning pastoral renewal must be discussed thoroughly with the pastor (and family, if relevant).

Area 2 Congregational Revitalization

In what ways do you anticipate that this activity or program will edify the living faith of members of the congregation?

How will your participation in the activities of programs be open to welcoming residents in the community or area you serve?

What aspects of your current congregational life may need to 'fall to earth and die' in order for your proposal to bear fruit?

Please note: Applications for capital expenditures and building improvements will receive lower priority than applications that seek genuine revitalization of the faith of the faith community.

Area 3 Church Planting and Multiplication

In what ways are you prepared to offer a long-term commitment to the project for which you are requesting funds?

How different from the current congregation do you anticipate the new plant to become, and how do you plan to deal with those differences?

What other agencies are planning to cooperate with you in this work?

What demographic or other relevant studies have you done that indicate the likelihood of the planting of a successful ministry?

Please note: The Classis is not looking to plant "traditional churches" only. Grants for new expressions of ministry are welcome.

Application for Grant from Delaware Raritan Foundation

A NJ Nonprofit Corporation

AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____ Date: _____

Congregation (or Classis Committee): _____

Address: _____

Pastor/Supervisor/Chairperson: _____

Contact Person:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

INQUIRIES: (Please answer thoroughly on separate pages and submit with application)

1. Into which of the three categories (Clergy Renewal, Congregational Revitalization, Church Multiplication,) does this application land?
2. Please describe the set of events or circumstances that lead you to submitting this request to the Classis Foundation.
3. Present a clear, concise statement of the need.
4. How did you come to the conclusion that this is needed, and that the amount you request is adequate to meet the need?
5. What do you hope that this grant will help to accomplish?
6. How will you measure the learnings from the project for which this grant is requested?
7. How will you report your findings to the Foundation?
8. What is the time-span over which you plan to spend the funds?
9. What is the budget for your project?
10. Does your project involve hiring anyone? If yes, and you have already decided on someone, who is it, and what do you hope they will accomplish? If yes, but you have not yet decided on someone, how will you go about assessing and finding someone?
11. Please enclose your church's financial statements for the last three calendar years.
12. Does the congregation support this application? How do you know? And how do you plan to keep them informed of it?

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**Applications may be
submitted: 1. Via postal mail,
OR
2. Via electronic mail**

**Complete applications should be
sent (preferably electronically) to:**

the current president of Classis,

the Classis Minister

Rev. Dawn May Alpaugh

32 Lincoln Ave

Lambertville NJ 08530

drclassisminister@gmail.com

and the Classis Stated Clerk.

Rev. Christopher Heitkamp

2142 US Hwy 206

Belle Mead, NJ 08502

drstatedclerk@gmail.com

THIS SIGNATURE PAGE MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION.

We, the Consistory of (Classis Committee for) _____,
certify that the answers given above are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct
and true. We promise to abide by the terms and conditions, and if the requested grant is
given, to comply with any and all of the legal procedures and requirements, including
timely reports, as may be requested by the Classis of Delaware-Raritan Foundation.

We also promise to regularly conduct an organized stewardship program. We declare that
monies granted as a result of this application will be used only for the program or project
described herein.

The submission of this application has been duly approved by resolution adopted by the
Consistory or Classis Committee. (Attach copy of the resolution from the appropriate
minutes of Consistory or Classis Committee.)

SIGNATURES:

Pastor, Supervisor or Classis Committee Chair

Clerk (of Consistory, or Committee scribe)

Date

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