

**Fresh Expressions of the North Georgia Conference**

**Grant Application**

***Fresh Expressions*** grants are available through the North Georgia Conference(NGC). Go to *www.ngumc.org/freshexpressions* for more information.After you have learned all about the “*Fresh Expressions of Church*” and you’ve prayerfully discerned your potential role as a *Fresh Expressions* Leader, please complete this application and submit it to your pastor for consideration.

 Following is the review process for *Fresh Expressions* Grants:

1. Applicant completes the application on-line – Steps 1-4.
2. Upon completion, the applicant e-mails the application to the Sr. Pastor of his/her church. If necessary, a meeting should be scheduled to review the plan.
3. If the Pastor **does not** approve the application, the applicant will make the necessary revisions and e-mail the revised application to the Sr. Pastor or will discontinue the process.
4. If the Sr. Pastor **does** approve the application, the pastor will then e-mail the application (stating approval in the e-mail) to the Director of Congregational Development **and** a non-staff lay member of the church confirming the church’s commitment to match funds (i.e., SPRC Chair, Administrative Council Chair, Lay Leader).
5. Once an e-mail approving the church’s commitment is received by the Director of Congregational Development from the lay member, the application will be e-mailed to the District Superintendent and the Conference *Fresh Expressions* Grant Application Review Sub-Committee. *The Conference will not consider a grant without the approval from the Sr. Pastor and confirmation that the church will provide a matching grant.*
6. The conference sub-committee will review the application. If approved, the sub-committee will recommend approval from the full Congregational Development Board. Grants are typically dispersed within two weeks after Board approval.

*Please note that applications for Fresh Expressions grants will not automatically constitute funding.*

**Step 1 – Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Sr. Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2 – Cast Your Vision and Tell Your *Fresh Expressions* Story**

As an attachment to this application, write a brief narrative about the vision/story for your *Fresh Expression*. Remember that your *Fresh Expression* is meant to complement your church`s ministry (not compete with it),so that your congregation can better reach those within your local community for Christ.

Make sure to include items noted see page 2:

* Project Name (example: Canoe Church, Yoga Church, Bar Church, etc.)
* Timeline of activities and schedule(s)
* Plan to monitor/report progress
* Names, positions and duties of people on your support team
* Group(s) you are trying to reach
* Meeting place
* Plan to measure the fruitfulness
* Plan to develop Christ centered relationships that may (or may not) be connected to your church
* Itemized budget

**Step 3 – Request Grant Amount**

***Fresh Expression*** grants are “matching” up to $5000 per request. To be eligible for a *Fresh Expressions* grant, your local church must commit to ½ of the amount being requested, otherwise the NGC will not consider your request. Grants can be requested up to twice (2X) per calendar year. A progress report indicating growth of the *Fresh Expressions* ministry must accompany any subsequent request which cannot be submitted within 4 (four) months of the previous request.

**Total Amount Requested: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Step 4 – Sign and Date the Application**

Your Name/Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your Senior Pastor`s Name/Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Step 5 - E-mail the Application and Attachments to:*** ***bbarnwell@ngumc.org******.***

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***To be completed by the Office of Congregational Development***

Date Received from Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Received from Lay Member: ­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date sent to Sub-Committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to Entire Board: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Director, Congregational Development Date

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Chair, Congregational Development Date

cc: District Superintendent