

March, 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The East Central Synod Council is again offering “Matching Grants for Evangelism and Outreach” program here in the East Central Synod.

Please note these “key” components in the grant description:

- 1 - We are looking for cooperation and partnership among our congregations and Lutheran institutions.
- 2 - The grants are geared to encourage outreach and evangelism. (Key question: *"How will this project include inactive and unchurched members of your community?"*)
- 3 - Grant requests for the year 2008 are needed by *November 1, 2007*. (Form enclosed)

The East Central Synod Council has distributed \$108,890 in grants over the past four years for cooperative projects in our synod. Congregations and Lutheran partners are coming up with exciting and creative ideas to serve their communities.

The application form is simple. The necessary reporting is uncomplicated and ‘user friendly.’ I encourage you to consider ministries that might be nurtured through your creative partnerships with others and grants such as this one.

If you have questions please feel free to call us. We’d be pleased to speak with you about this granting initiative sponsored by your brothers and sisters across the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

In Christ's Love,

Bishop James. Justman

Associate With The Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe

COOPERATIVE EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MATCHING GRANTS  
East Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin seeks to actively support the cooperative outreach mission efforts of our congregations and to that end makes available **Cooperative Grant Funds for new joint ventures in evangelism and outreach ministry** in the form of outreach grants.

The criteria for qualifying for an outreach grant are:

1. The effort must involve a partnership between two or more ELCA congregations.
2. The grants are to be used for outreach and evangelistic efforts in the communities served by the congregations.
3. Creativity, risk and new ideas for new ventures will be favored.
4. Local, cooperative support for the concept is necessary.
5. The entities involved will raise an amount equivalent to the requested grant.  
(documentation of the sources and amount of locally raised funds is required)
6. The supported programs are intended to have a time line and be ongoing, rather than one-time only events.

(Please detail satisfaction of criteria on application)

This is a matching grant program. The East Central Synod will provide matching dollars for funds already raised for the outreach initiative. The matching grant philosophy is intended to:

- Stimulate enthusiasm and local support for evangelism and outreach.
- Allow greater opportunities for long term success of new ideas.
- Reward initiatives that pursue new mission fields in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Encourage collegiality and cooperative effort among our congregations and communities.
- Allow time for new initiatives to develop, while regional and local support systems are being established.

Upon request, matching grants may be renewed for an additional two years on a graduated scale, based on the local funds already raised. Grants will be considered as follows:

- Year One: Up to 100% of funds raised, to a maximum of \$10,000.
- Year Two: Up to 75% of funds raised, to a maximum of \$7,500.
- Year Three: Up to 50% of funds raised, to a maximum of \$5,000.

The matching grant program will be administered under the authority of the Synod Council. Applications for matching grants for 2008 and future years should be sent to the Synod office by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year (i.e., applications for 2008 grants are due 11/1/07). Grant decisions will be made by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Send all correspondence to: East Central Synod "Cooperative Evangelism and Outreach Matching Grants" 16 Tri-Park Way, Appleton WI 54914.

COOPERATIVE EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH MATCHING GRANT  
2008 APPLICATION FORM (due by November 1, 2007)

Congregational Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

ELCA Congregational Partner(s): (Criteria Point - 1) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Partner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Matching Grant Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund Raising Activities: (Criteria Point - 2) Attach Listing

Project Description (attach additional sheets, if necessary): (Criteria Point - 3&4)

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How will this project promote outreach and evangelism in your community? (Criteria Point – 5)  
(attach additional sheets, if necessary)

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Project Timeline: (Criteria Point - 6) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this project intended to be ongoing? (circle one) Yes No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregational President

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_