

Legacy Mission Grant Application

The Legacy Mission Fund was established by Trinity Klein Lutheran Church for the purpose of assisting LCMS ministries *or its affiliated ministries*, congregations and organizations to develop, initiate and support ongoing mission projects in response to the changing needs of their communities.

The following guidelines have been developed and approved by the Legacy Mission Grant Ministry Team at Trinity Klein Lutheran Church.

1. Grants shall be considered for the following purpose:
To assist an LCMS ministry, *LCMS affiliated ministry, non-LCMS ministries*, congregation(s) or organization with start-up expenses in response to changing mission needs as well as support and (or) enhancement of current mission activities.
2. Grants shall be reserved for situations in which Kingdom growth is either clearly evidenced or the potential of Kingdom growth is apparent.
3. These funds shall be administered as grants (not loans) for mission projects.
4. Grants shall not exceed **fifty percent** of the total funding for any project. The intent is to function as a partner in mission with other ministries and organizations, rather than as the foundation.
5. The **maximum** possible grant award is \$5,000. Any exceptions to this are at the discretion of the Legacy Mission Grant Ministry Action Team.
6. Grant award preferences will be given to direct Kingdom growth over building projects.
7. Applications requesting funds for staff salaries, staff training or staff support will not be considered.
8. Grant requests shall demonstrate the employment of a viable planning or discernment process and include adequate project definition, objectives, evaluation, funding, personnel, and prerequisites for project success.
9. Grant recipients shall be accountable to the Legacy Mission Grant Ministry Team of Trinity Klein Lutheran Church for the use of these funds. If the supported project(s) do not materialize as expected, you shall return all unused grant funds.
10. Grant recipients shall provide an annual follow-up to the progress of the mission project.
11. Applications for grants will be reviewed and approved on a yearly basis. The current dates are below:

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| Applications Accepted | - | Aug. 15 th , 2026 – Nov. 15 th , 2026 |
| Grant Team Reviews Applications | - | January & February 2027 |
| Award Decisions Announced | - | March 2027 |

¹ A *changing mission need* is defined as a change of context for an individual ministry, congregation or organization in which such entity feels it necessary to create a new mission start to respond to the changes. E.g.: a change in ethnic demographics or growth of population in a particular area lacking current LCMS ministries or congregations.

² Kingdom growth is defined as souls won for Christ: those who did not previously know or have not recently been living in the salvation of Jesus Christ (unchurched and dechurched).

****The Legacy Mission Grant Ministry Team reserves the right to waive these guidelines at any time.***

Guidelines for the Narrative Responses

Please include details for #1 – 6 in one narrative document.

1. Background information on the mission project.

Tell us who you are, a little bit of the history of your congregation(s), ministry or organization filing the application. Describe the area in the congregation, community, or group where the mission need has emerged. Help us understand some of the issues and opportunities you see in your place. Include any statistical or demographic data that may be helpful in understanding your context.

2. Project summary/purpose and use of the grant.

Tell us what you want to do and how you hope to do it. It is important that you include the following details: people targeted, project goals, duration of project, specific means of achieving goals, evaluation process and plan for sustainability. This is where we **MUST** hear about the possibility for Kingdom growth.

3. The total project budget and other sources of funding.

Please submit a line itemize project budget and tell us about how you intend to support the project beyond any grants from the *Legacy Mission Fund*.

4. A project timeline.

Tell us about the time frame for this project from implementation stage through either completion or to the period of sustainability when the *Legacy Mission Funds* will no longer be necessary. Please show specific objectives to be reached during each time period.

5. Expected outcome and method of evaluation and assessment.

Tell us what you expect as an outcome of this project and how you will evaluate and assess its successes and accomplishments. Include any foreseen risks, if any, associated with this project.

6. Human Resources

Please share with us who will be staffing or running the project.

7. Pictures

Please provide 1-3 pictures that can be shared with our Legacy Mission Grant Ministry Action Team and the Trinity Klein congregation.

Application Instructions

1. Email Jennifer Kiel kielj@trinityklein.org to get the link for the grant application.
2. Fill out the online application and attach all required documents.
3. Click submit at the end of the application.
4. You will receive a confirmation email after submission.

Please note to officially submit the application you **MUST fill out the online application and submit online. By emailing Jennifer Kiel you are **NOT** submitting an application.

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