

Emerging Gospel Community Grant 2026

Synod of the Northeast of the PCUSA

Question Group

Emerging Gospel Community Project/Ministry Name*

If this is your second-year application please enter the same Project/Ministry name used in your first-year application.

Character Limit: 250

Grant ID (ADMIN ONLY)*

ADMIN ONLY

Grant IDs are created with the following elements in this order:

- Grant Initials
- Last 2 Digits of the Year
- Assigned Number - usually just the order in which they are received (the first grant would be 01 and so on...)
- Month of the Commission Meeting during which the grant will be reviewed.
- The first Emerging Gospel Community Grant application received this year for review in September would have this ID: **EGC-26-09-01**

Character Limit: 100

What type of applicant are you?*

Choices

First time applicant
Second year applicant

What is the total amount of funding you are requesting?*

The maximum request is \$20,000.

Character Limit: 20

Has your ministry/organization ever received funding through any of the other Synod Grant programs?*

Choices

Yes
No

Has your ministry/organization requested OR received PMA New Worshiping Communities Grant funds?

The Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) offers funding for Emerging Gospel Communities through their 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative. Please indicate whether or not you have pursued funding for your project/ministry through the 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative of the PMA.

Choices

Yes, we have requested or received PMA funding.

No, we have neither requested nor received PMA funding.

As we consider your application, we would like to get a full understanding of who you are, what you do, what you envision, and how God is working through your Emerging Gospel Community. Please answer the following essay questions succinctly, while also painting a picture of your ministry so that the readers of this application can get a sense of the texture of your vision.

VISION STATEMENT*

Briefly describe the vision for your Emerging Gospel Community. What Gospel values and biblical principles guide your mission? What specific population or community are you called to reach?

Character Limit: 2000

SYNOD VALUES*

How does your Emerging Gospel Community embody the values of the Synod (**Community:** Drawing people into meaningful relationships with one another; **Diversity & Inclusion:** Helping bridge across difference and promoting greater understanding between people; **Missional Identity:** Addressing real needs in the community and world with the hope, care, and love of Jesus Christ; **Partnership:** Creatively broadening the circle of partners to combine efforts and share vision.)?

Character Limit: 2000

Previous Synod Funding

Please provide additional detail regarding previous funding received from the Synod*

For each Synod grant award received, please list the name of the grant fund, the amount of funds granted, and the year in which it was received.

Character Limit: 1000

Presbyterian Mission Agency Funding

Presbyterian Mission Agency Funding Information*

Choices

Yes, Seed Grant (\$10,000)

Yes, Investment Grant (up to \$30,000)

Yes, Growth Grant (up to \$30,000)

Seed Grant (\$10,000)

Status of PMA Seed Grant Application*

Choices

Received

Pending (applied, awaiting notification)

Date Received (Seed Grant)

If you received the grant, please provide the date (approximately).

Character Limit: 100

Please upload your Seed Grant application*

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Investment Grant (up to \$30,000)

Status of PMA Investment Grant*

Choices

Received

Pending (applied, awaiting notification)

Date Received (Investment Grant)

If you received the grant, please provide the date (approximately).

Character Limit: 200

Amount Requested (Investment Grant)*

Character Limit: 20

Amount Received (Investment Grant)

If none, please enter 0.

Character Limit: 20

Is this application for matching funds (Investment Grant)?*

Choices

Yes

No

Please upload your Investment Grant application*

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Growth Grant (up to \$30,000)

Status of PMA Growth Grant*

Choices

Received

Pending (applied, awaiting notification)

Date Received (Growth Grant)

If you received the grant, please provide the date (approximately).

Character Limit: 200

Amount Requested (Growth Grant)*

Character Limit: 20

Amount Received (Growth Grant)

Character Limit: 20

Is this application for matching funds Growth Grant)?*

Choices

Yes

No

Please upload your Growth Grant application*

File Size Limit: 4 MB

Synod's Essay Questions

Synod's essay questions (optional)*

- If you've submitted a PMA grant application **within the last year**, the Synod's essay questions are optional.

Would you like to answer the Synod's essay questions?

Choices

Yes

No

Year 1 Applicants

PROJECT DESCRIPTION*

Describe the initiative or project you are requesting funding. How will your community embody innovative or fresh expressions of the gospel?

Character Limit: 2000

LEADERSHIP*

How is this Emerging Gospel Community governed and who provides oversight? Who will be the primary leaders responsible for the initiative and what are their qualifications?

Character Limit: 2000

FORMATION*

Please describe your process of discernment in forming this Emerging Gospel Community. In what ways will this Emerging Gospel Community embody the joy of Christ for you and your community?

Character Limit: 2000

GOSPEL COMMUNITY STATUS*

What is the current status of your Emerging Gospel Community? For example: Have you officially started? If so when. If not, when do you plan to do so? What kinds of activities have you done so far, what has the response been, what additional plans are pending?

Character Limit: 2000

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS*

Who is your Emerging Gospel Community designed for? Why do you feel drawn to them? How do you know they need this ministry? What are your plans for engagement with those not currently connected to traditional churches?

Character Limit: 2000

MEASURING SUCCESS*

What will success look like for your Emerging Gospel Community? What are the markers that you are succeeding? What specific activities will you organize to build this gospel community? How will you discern ways to adapt if you are not succeeding?

Character Limit: 2000

Year 2 Applicants

In what year did you receive Year 1 funding?

Character Limit: 20

The following essay questions supplement the Progress Report required of all Year 1 grant recipients at the completion of the grant year. Year 2 applications will not be considered without submission of the Year 1 Progress Report. If you have not received the Year 1 Progress Report, contact innovation@synodne.org

LEADERSHIP TEAM*

Please describe how the leadership team for your Emerging Gospel Community has developed since your last funding request to the Synod.

Character Limit: 2000

BUILDING TOGETHER*

What did you learn about the people connecting into your Emerging Gospel Community? How have these connections informed your plans for moving forward?

Character Limit: 2000

LOOKING AHEAD*

What developments do you anticipate in the coming year? What are you curious about? What do you hope to learn or discover?

Character Limit: 2000

MEASURING SUCCESS*

What will success look like for your Emerging Gospel Community in Year 2? What are the markers that you are succeeding and how will you track these markers?

Character Limit: 2000

BUDGET PLANS*

How do you plan to use your Synod funding if this grant is awarded? We are not always able to provide full funding. If you only receive partial funding how will your project be adjusted?

Character Limit: 2000

PARTNERSHIP AND ONGOING SUPPORT*

The Synod is only able to provide Emerging Gospel Community grant funding for a maximum of two years. How have you worked to develop alternative sources of income, and/or how do you plan to do so in the coming year? What forms of additional support (financial, leadership, prayer, mentoring) do you currently have?

Character Limit: 2000

PRESBYTERY CONNECTIONS

In which Presbytery is your Emerging Gospel Community located?*

Character Limit: 150

PRESBYTERY APPROVAL*

Has your Emerging Gospel Community received approval from your Presbytery? Please describe where you are in the process of seeking Presbytery approval for your ministry.

Character Limit: 2000

PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL SUPPORT*

If you have requested or received funding from your Presbytery to support your Emerging Gospel Community, please indicate the amount of funding requested/received.

Character Limit: 2000

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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- Provide a detailed project budget for your proposed or ongoing project/ministry, listing the anticipated expenses and income. Income may include both financial contributions as well as in-kind contributions (i.e., donated space, supplies, utilities).
- Please include the requested Synod funding in your project budget so that Commissioners can see how the funding fits into the project budget.
- You may view some sample budgets [here](#).
- If you are unsure of how to format your budget, please contact michael.yeoman@synodne.org

Project Budget*

Please attach your budget file.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Project Budget 2 (optional)

Please attach your budget file.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

SUPPORTING MEDIA 1*

Please share a picture, video, news article, or other relevant supporting material with a brief description of the attachment.

Character Limit: 350 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

SUPPORTING MEDIA 2*

Please share pictures, video, news articles, or other relevant supporting material with a brief description of the attachment.

Character Limit: 350 | File Size Limit: 1 MB

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

If you have pictures, videos, news articles, or other relevant supporting materials that are accessible online, please provide a list of links.

Example:

1. www.youtube.com/asdfq435q432f534
2. www.instagram.com/f4353452s
3. www.facebook.com/345f2434dd534
4. www.vimeo.com/f4h35h535f3h5.


Character Limit: 1200

FINAL REFLECTIONS

What excites you most about launching this Emerging Gospel Community? How can the wider church be praying for you in this work?

Character Limit: 1500

Third Party - Presbytery Leader Email

 **Are you aware of this Emerging Gospel Community located within the bounds of your Presbytery?***

Choices

- Yes
- No

 **Has this Emerging Gospel Community been approved by the Presbytery?***

Choices

- Yes, the Presbytery voted to approve this ministry.
- No, the Presbytery voted against approving this ministry.
- They have not yet come before the Presbytery for approval.

Third Party Email*

Please enter the email of your Presbytery Leader. If your Presbytery is currently without a leader, please enter the email for the Stated Clerk. Send them an email with the following information included to request that they complete a brief set of questions from the Synod of the Northeast regarding their connection to your Emerging Gospel Community.

- **Please include in the email:**
 1. Your Emerging Gospel Community's Name

2. The Vision Statement for your Emerging Gospel Community

Feel free to copy and paste the following email template for the email to your Presbytery Leader or Stated Clerk.

SAMPLE EMAIL TEMPLATE

Dear (Enter the name of your Presbytery Leader),

The (Enter your Emerging Gospel Community's name) is applying for a (Enter Year 1 or Year 2) Emerging Gospel Community Grant through the Synod of the Northeast. Here is a brief description of the Vision for this Emerging Gospel Community:

(Paste in the Vision Statement for your Emerging Gospel Community or another brief description of what you are planning to do)

Note: Please fill out the information requested by the Synod of the Northeast by August 8, 2026. The form they will ask you to fill out will arrive in a separate email. The completion of that form is required for our grant application.

I appreciate your assistance!

Sincerely,
(Enter your first and last name here)

Character Limit: 254

Presbytery Minutes for Emerging Gospel Community Approval/Denial

If your Presbytery approved or denied approval of this Emerging Gospel Community, please attach a copy of the Presbytery minutes detailing this action of the Presbtery.

File Size Limit: 5 MB


Has this project/ministry received financial or other support from the Presbytery?*

Choices

Yes

No

Not sure

 Do you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding this Emerging Gospel Community?*

As Synod Commissioners review the Emerging Gospel Community's request for grant funds from the Synod of the Northeast we appreciate the input of the Presbytery in which this ministry is located.

Character Limit: 1800