

COMMUNITY MINISTRY GRANTS:

Purpose: To provide financial assistance for churches and fellowships in staging community events. To be made prior to Easter and Christmas.

Recognizing that many churches and Fellowships either participate in community ministries or run their own community ministry at Christmas and Easter the fund will designate an amount of money agreed annually by Executive Council. These funds will be granted to churches twice per year on application, evaluation and approval by a body approved by Executive Council for such a purpose.

1. It is proposed that the amount for grants in 2007 be \$15,000 in March and \$15,000 in November.
2. Churches wishing to apply will complete the application form by the closing date for applications. The previous year financial report is also required with the application.
3. The maximum grant to any one church will be \$500 and, if the level of applications is high, then grants lower than \$500 will be allocated to ensure the funds assist as many churches as possible.
4. Following the first year of the grant process, churches applying for their first grant from the fund under this purpose will be given priority over those churches who received a grant in the previous year.

SMALL CHURCH GRANTS:

Purpose: To assist smaller churches and fellowships with small grants that would otherwise need to wait for the next Assembly.

Many of our smaller churches and fellowships are unable to afford to purchase adequate office and amplification equipment. This purpose of the fund is intended to assist a number of churches each year to purchase needed equipment. Churches and fellowships will need to demonstrate appropriate church participation in the purchase.

1. In this case churches/fellowships being assisted will have a membership of 40 or less.
2. The grants will be allocated twice per year, in March and November.
3. The grants pool will be \$20,000 twice per year.
4. The maximum grant will be \$2,000 for any church.
5. A church/fellowship may only apply for one grant in any three years.
6. The approved purposes of the grant are limited to: Church Office equipment, Audio equipment for use in the worship center, piano or electronic keyboard/organs, or small capital items.