

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA / NEVADA
(CCNC-N)
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

Reconciliation Grant Application Information

General Information: The purpose of the Reconciliation Grant Program is to support congregations within the CCNC/N Region in their endeavors to address local issues of poverty, justice, peacemaking, and multi-cultural awareness. Endeavors addressing root causes of racism are especially welcome. The term "reconciliation" in the context of this grant program intentionally holds a broad meaning so grant applicants may be creative in their project proposals. Applications may be submitted at **any time**. As of January 1, 2011, grants will be reviewed once a year in July. *Emergency grants may be considered. Contact the Regional Office for information on processing an emergency grant.*

The maximum grant award for project proposals is generally \$2,000. Funding for reconciliation grants comes from the Reconciliation Offering received by congregations in the CCNC-N.

Funding Eligibility Criteria: All Christian Churches (DOC) within the CCNC/N Region are eligible to apply for reconciliation funding. **The project may be in conjunction with other churches or organizations, but the application must be initiated by the congregation or regional committee, or must have a very clear connection to the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada. Funding will be disbursed as determined by the region's Reconciliation Committee.**

Project Criteria: Priority will be given to projects that meet most of the following criteria:

1. Projects aimed at empowerment of economically challenged communities or the cultivation of relationships between different communities.
2. The marginalized people involved in the project are included in the decision making and planning of the project.
3. The project is likely to continue beyond the time span of the reconciliation grant. That is, the grant functions as seed money.
4. The congregation is a first-time applicant, or the program has not received prior Reconciliation funding.
5. The project receives a positive recommendation from the Regional Minister(s).

Funding Limitations: Funding will NOT be considered for the following:

1. Projects that deliver goods or services that are already provided in the community (duplication of services).
2. Capital expenditures such as buildings, fixtures, building renovations or high-cost equipment.

Fund Requirements:

1. Give an estimated start and finish date for the project
2. Provide a project update or evaluation to Sandhya Jha within 3 months of receipt of the grant funds.
3. Once an approval letter has been received please contact Sandhya Jha (or Quan Walker if she is not available) at 925-556-9900 to request a check be sent when you start incurring costs.
4. Agree to share the story of your reconciliation project with another Disciples church within one year of funding.

Examples of Funded Projects: In 2009, the following programs were supported:

- Establishing (in partnership with a head start school) a community garden
- Beginning a hip-hop spiritual gathering for neighborhood youth
- Starting a community health clinic
- Exploring and supporting ministries to PSR/GTU students of color

Application Process: To apply for a grant, please follow the outline format beginning on page 3 of this packet and mail or email your application to the address provided below. Please direct any questions you may have about the application to the address provided below.

Deadlines: These are still in formation, but tentatively the dates are January 30 and June 30.

Contact Information:

Christian Church in Northern California-Nevada Reconciliation Committee
9260 Alcosta Blvd., Bldg C-8
San Ramon, CA 94583
925-556-9900
sandhya@ccncn.org

Please see the Regional Reconciliation Ministry Website at <http://www.ccncn.org/reconciliation.htm>

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This page must accompany all applications.**

Name of the Congregation: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____ Today's Date _____

Provide a brief description of your project: *(please use only the space provided)*

On separate pages, please answer each of the following:

1. Provide a brief description of your congregation and current ministries.
2. Describe your target population. (Who are you proposing to foster relationships with or who have you observed that is working towards self-empowerment; where do they live, ethnicity, language, etc?)
3. Is this a new project or are you applying to expand a current project? Have you previously received a reconciliation grant from CCNCN?
4. What do you expect to see as a result of this project?
5. Are you sure that another congregation/agency in your area is not already meeting the needs that you seek to meet? How do you know that your project is something your community actually needs?
6. Identify the criteria of the reconciliation grant program that your application addresses. (See "Project Criteria" on page one).
7. What would the requested funds be used for, specifically?
8. Please list any contributions to this project, received or anticipated.
9. What dollar amount has your congregation committed to this project?
10. How will you evaluate the project upon completion?

Please include the following:

1. A detailed budget;
2. One or two letters of support (preferably these would come from members of the congregation involved in the project and/or members of the community you are building relationships with; they may also come from regional staff or partnering organizations);
3. Any letters or additional documentation you may wish to provide.

If the project for which the funds are approved has not occurred within a year of approval of the grant, the funds will be released and given to support another grant.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A PROJECT UPDATE OR EVALUATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS.