

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

**Reconciliation Grant Application Information**

**General Information:** Part of the vision of the Christian Church of Northern CA-NV is “*Living into our God-given reconciling, open and inclusive identity which challenges the sins of racism, exclusion and oppression.*” In keeping with that vision, the purpose of the Reconciliation Grant Program is to support congregations in doing that same work of building up a reconciling, open and inclusive identity, challenging the sins of racism, exclusion and oppression. Endeavors addressing root causes of racism are especially welcome. **The deadline for submitting a Reconciliation Grant in 2016 will be March 22.** Recipients will be announced at the Regional Gathering in April. Grant recipients will be contacted for a “midway point update” in September of the same year. Reconciliation grants from the CCNC-N range from approximately \$500-\$1000, with the hope that the congregation will raise or seek additional funds elsewhere.

Congregations engaging in a reconciliation project that also meets criteria for being “missional” (defined in the application) will be eligible for additional funds.

Funding for reconciliation grants comes from the Reconciliation Offering received by congregations in the CCNC-N Region.

**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 a regional staff person.

**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 the Reconciliation Committee within 6 months of receipt of the grant funds.
3. **Once an approval letter has been received please contact Jan Warren at 925-934-3134 or by email at [jtxwarren@gmail.com](mailto:jtxwarren@gmail.com) 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.

**Illustrations of possible reconciliation grant projects that meet the current criteria:**

- A congregation developing a ministry to and with incarcerated and post-incarcerated citizens.
- A congregation partnering with a community group to jointly lift up the needs of immigrants in the community.
- A congregation developing a leadership training program in partnership with a nearby drop-in center for LGBTQ youth.
- A congregation working with a consultant to develop a Spanish-language worship service as part of their own congregation.
- A congregation developing a ministry to and with veterans suffering from “moral injury.”

**Application Process:** To apply for a grant, please follow the outline format in 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:** March 22, 2015; thereafter, the end of February of each year.

**Contact Information:**

Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada  
Attention: Reconciliation Committee  
9260 Alcosta Blvd., Bldg. C-22  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Phone: 925-556-9900  
FAX: 925-556-9904  
[jim@ccncn.org](mailto:jim@ccncn.org)

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

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**Reconciliation Grant Application**  
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?

**NEW (*OPTIONAL*) MISSIONAL PROGRAM ADDITION:**

For additional grant resources (up to \$500), if your project has a missional component as well as a reconciliation focus, please explain how your grant will meet the following criteria IN ADDITION to the criteria above:

- This project will help the congregation connect to the community, not just trying to draw people from the community into the building but bringing the congregation into the community (please explain explicitly how).
- This project will help the congregation contribute to needs that the community has explicitly named as priorities and needs in the congregation's neighborhood. (Please explain how, and how the community named this as a priority.)
- This project will train our congregants to interact with people who are not part of any church culture. (Please explain how.)

**In addition to answering all of the above questions, 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.***