

# LOCAL CHURCH VITALITY AND RENEWAL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

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## *Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ*

### **What are Local Church Vitality and Renewal Project Grants?**

Project Grants ranging from \$200 to \$12,000 can be applied for by PNC committees and member churches for specifically designed projects to renew and increase vitality of the churches within our conference. Examples might include sponsoring a youth or young adult event, engaging in the wider community or sending clergy and lay leaders to workshops and conferences.

### **How are these grants funded?**

Funding is provided through the United Church of Christ Strengthen the Church special offering. Strengthen the Church is one of the four special offerings of the United Church of Christ which is dedicated to the growth of the UCC by:

- Funding **new church starts** and **invigorating existing congregations**
- Nurturing **lay and pastoral leadership**
- Building **youth and young adult** ministries
- Supporting the **God is Still Speaking Ministry** and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ.

50% of all Strengthen the Church contributions go to support the National UCC ministries. The remaining 50% is kept within the Pacific Northwest Conference to support activities and programs within our region through Local Church Vitality and Renewal Project Grants.

### **What is Required in Order to Apply?**

- **People** – There must be a person or group of people connected with PNC or a member church, willing to take responsibility for designing the project and seeing it through to success.
- **Plan** – The project must be specifically designed including WHO it will support, WHERE it will take place, WHEN it will occur, WHAT will happen and most importantly HOW it will Strengthen the Church.

### **What other Considerations are Taken in Account?**

All applications will be evaluated by the PNC Church Development Committee, which will consider these and other factors:

- Applicants' history of participation in the life of the Conference and/or Local Church
- Whether the Local Church participates in the UCC special offerings such as a "5-for-5 Church"
- Whether matching funds are offered or available
- Whether funding sources are being sought from a variety of sources
- The viability of a successful outcome for the project's stated goals.



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**Describe who the project will support:**


**Describe where and when the project will take place:**


**Describe how the project will Strengthen the Church:**


**How much is being requested for the project? How much, if any will you be matching towards the total cost of the project?**

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**To be paid at once or as installments?**

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**Conference Use Only:**

Date Received	Date Approved	Date Paid Out	Date Completed
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected	Church Development Committee Signature		<b>Amount Approved</b>
Date Reviewed	<b>Church Development Committee Signature</b>		<b>Amount of Valid Receipts</b>
Amount (if any) due back to the STC – Local Fund			\$

*Please send completed form to the Church Development Committee, in care of Arlene Hobson, Pacific Northwest Conference, 325 N. 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98133*

*Note:*

*Receipts must be provided to the Church Development Committee at the end of the project along with a description of the project's outcome. All unused portions of the grant must be returned to the Pacific Northwest Conference Strengthen the Local Church Fund when the project is completed.*