



**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
In Kentucky  
SPARK, IGNITE, & SUSTAIN GRANT  
APPLICATION**

The written grant application is an opportunity for a new or existing new church ministry to be in on-going dialogue and discernment with the New Church Ministry Team. We understand it to be a living and organic document helping both the connectors and the New Church Ministry team to cultivate a creative and supportive relationship as together we seek to give birth and life to the vision.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director(s) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grant Funding Amounts:** There are three types of grants:

- **Spark Grant** - typically a one-time grant up to \$5,000 for a new church start that will be paid in a single payment.
- **Ignite Grant** - typically a one-time grant up to \$7,500 for existing new churches that have been operating one to eight years.
- **Sustain Grant** - typically a one-time grant for \$12,500 - \$25,000 for new churches after 3 years in operation (and no more than 8 years) with a church growth plan

On rare occasion, additional special grants may be offered for specific projects.

**COVENANT:** To receive a grant a new start or existing new church must be in a continuous covenant partnership with the New Church Team. The new church planter must be a Disciples' minister in good standing. This covenant may also include:

1. Partner with a Connector
2. Communal Coaching
3. Accountability Reports
4. New Church Planter Assessment

## **SPARK OR IGNITE GRANT**

Spark & Ignite Grants are intended as seed money for the cultivation of new and existing communities and initiatives within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky. A grant request may be written by an individual, a new church start, or an existing new congregation.

To apply for the Spark or Ignite Grant, in narrative form, please provide the following:

1. **Vision:** What is your vision for the congregation or initiative?
2. **Context:** Include a summary of the new community (target audience) or ministry initiative the church seeks to engage. What are the relevant demographics and worldview characteristics to support this initiative?
3. **Leadership Rationale:** Describe the quality and strengths of the leadership and opportunities for future growth.
4. **Ministry Plan and Timeline:** List the goals and objectives for the project and the method for establishing, building up, and maintaining the new community or project. Include measurable goals and objectives for the first several years
5. **Income and Expense Budget:** List the budget items and expenses for the grant. Include income from other sources, gifts, tithes, etc.

## **SUSTAIN GRANT**

The Sustain grant is designed to move the needle for new communities for expanding ministry through building your own church home, rental of sacred space or serve as a matching grant through Holy Places Grant.

*"Your congregation is a new faith community that is growing in mission and is in need of a Holy Place to serve as the primary center for worship and other church activities. You have developed a plan to fund this new Place, but a "boost" in capital funding would help to ensure the long-term sustainability of your new church." (from the Holy Places Grant)*

### **Type of projects:**

- Building a new sacred space
- Moving into a rental space
- Matching grant with the Holy Places Grant through Disciples church extension fund. [www.disciplescef.org](http://www.disciplescef.org)

### **Who may apply?**

New church communities in existence at least 3 years (but no more than 8 years) that are affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky.

Sustain applicants must:

- submit a church growth ministry plan
- demonstrate activity in their community and a mission-focus
- be led by a new church planter with at least 3 years experience as a planter in the Disciples of Christ, and the pastor must have standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky, and
- be actively attending regional and general assemblies.

Signature(s)

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(Submitting organization)

**Email the narrative form and grant application to the New Church Ministry Team Co-Conveners:**

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