

## 2018 Saint Paul Area Synod Microgrants Grants for Outreach and Community Engagement – G.O.C.E. = “GO SEE”



### Key Details

- Application deadline: July 1, 2018
- Amounts of microgrants: Up to \$2000/congregation
- Decisions announced: August 15, 2018
- Funds available: September 1, 2018
- Completion of plans funded by the grant: September 1, 2019
- Concluding microgrants gathering: Spring of 2019

### Criteria

These are the criteria upon which the grant applications will be judged:

- Beyond the Congregation: How will people beyond the congregation be reached and involved? How will the community beyond the congregation be engaged? How will this be a ministry with others and not for others?
- Planning of New Goals: Explain how this is a new initiative of the congregation.
- Sustainability: Describe how this renewal project will lead to next chapters of renewal in this congregation's ministry.
- Engaging More Lay Leaders: Explain how the journey of these next chapters of renewal through this project will be a journey of developing and engaging more lay leaders. (*"...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ"* — Ephesians 4:12)
- Congregational Buy-In: The goal of this grant is seed money. What percentage of the expenses for this renewal initiative will come from the congregation? It should be at least 10%.

### Applications

- You must be a Saint Paul Area Synod congregation in good standing (most recent parochial report has been completed, and the congregation actively supports the synod financially). Preference will be given to those congregations that did not receive a microgrant in the last cycle.
- Applications (not to exceed 4 pages) should include the financial amount requested, a budget overview of how the grant would be used, and a timeline for the plan's implementation.
- The application should address the five criteria outlined above.
- Application materials should be signed by both of a congregational staff member and a congregational lay leader
- Submit applications to: [alicia.rodriquez@spas-elca.org](mailto:alicia.rodriquez@spas-elca.org)

### A Celebration Gathering

All congregations receiving a grant will be expected to send a team of at least 3 people (including both lay leaders and staff) to a Celebration Gathering toward the end of the grant period, to talk about outcomes and hopes for the future, and to continue to build community among congregations.