

March 7, 2006

TO: Black Caucus, Hispanic Caucus, Korean Presbyterian Council, Women of Color, Youth Council, Hunger Action, Resource Centers and New Church Development/Transformation of Synod Shared Ministries

FROM: Reverend Eddie Deas, Co-Chair
Elder Peta Patton, Co-Chair
Shared Ministries Committee of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic

The Council of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic approved the proceeds from the sale of a campus ministries building on Alexander Avenue in Durham Avenue, North Carolina to be used to establish a Visionary Fund for committees of Synod. The principal of the Fund must be protected and maintained as a permanent program grant fund; and that the interest earned be accumulated in a separate income fund for program grants and disbursed by the Council according to the set guidelines

The Council approved the use of this fund for ministries to define a specific need and plan that will clearly lead to the objective of new, existing, racially inclusive and creative programs which address ways to implement the priorities of Synod in the areas of **education, evangelism and social justice**. Presbyteries are welcomed to propose projects in these areas.

We continue to encourage ministries to seek funding directly from the presbyteries of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

If you are interested in applying for this Fund we encourage you to complete and mail the attached application for the Visionary Fund to the Synod office before **June 30, 2006**.

Please contact Mary Williams at 1-800-743-7670 extension 305 or Sandra Hillquist extension 308 if you have any questions.

Enclosure – Visionary Fund Application
Grant Report/Evaluation

Cc: Presbytery Executives
Presbytery Moderators

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SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC VISIONARY FUND APPLICATION

Date Prepared: _____

Presbytery _____ Phone _____

Contact Person _____ E-mail Address _____

Project Name _____

Pastor / Project Director _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

DEFINITION: To develop new, existing, racially inclusive and creative programs which address ways to implement the priorities of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in the areas of **education, evangelism, and social justice.**"

GRANT FUNDING AMOUNTS: A project may receive a cumulative grant amount of no more than \$5,000 from any combination of Shared Ministries Grants.

INSTRUCTIONS: After obtaining the necessary required presbytery signatures, please send the original and ten copies of this application with supporting requirements of no more than five pages copied two-sided to the office of Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. This form is available in Microsoft Word format and may be obtained by downloading from the Shared Ministries web page, www.synatlantic.org, or by e-mail from mwilliams@synatlantic.org.

In narrative form, please respond to the following.

1. **Overall Goal(s):** Describe the goal(s) and purpose for the project.
2. **Objectives:** Describe the objectives (steps) for the project:
3. **Income and Expense Budget:** Display itemized and balanced *operating* income and expense budgets for each year of the grant. Please include last year's financial statement, if available, showing the budgeted and actual income/expenditures.
4. **Oversight/Supervision of Project:** Describe your presbytery's plan to provide oversight, encouragement and regular contact with the leadership of this project;
5. **Internal Process to Evaluate:** Describe your contingent plan to evaluate this project.

At the _____ (date) of the Presbytery of _____ or Presbytery Council meeting the foregoing plan for ministry and the shared ministries grant application were reviewed and approved by the mission strategy body of this presbytery as fulfilling the criteria and guidelines governing the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Shared Ministries Committee.

General / Executive Presbyter or Designee

Date

Synod Executive