

## NEW JERSEY SYNOD FUND FOR MISSION

### Criteria for Grants

Every year the New Jersey Synod Fund for Mission uses investment income to provide resources for special mission needs that might otherwise go unmet.

In order to determine grant recipients, the Fund's Management Committee receives proposals from Synod program units, mission clusters, congregations, officers, and Synod Council. These proposals are evaluated, and recommendations are made to the Synod Council for funding.

As it makes decisions, the Management Committee is guided by the following criteria (proposals need not meet every criterion):

1. The proposed program shall be one that could not normally be funded by the operating budget of the Synod or ELCA Churchwide Ministries, or by the agency for whom the grant is sought.
2. Preference is given for initiating new mission ventures: providing seed money and/or leveraging other funds for mission.
3. Preference is given to projects having a direct relationship to the urban character of the Synod.
4. Preference is given to projects that are inclusive with regard to color, language, ages, and sex of persons.
5. Preference is given to projects that address the needs of the disadvantaged, especially the poor, mentally and physically challenged, and the powerless.
6. Preference is given to projects that enable the Synod to develop new ministries to meet needs occasioned by societal change.

Grant recipients will be requested to evaluate their respective projects for report to the Fund for Mission Management Committee by September 1 of the year following receipt of the funds.

The deadline for receipt of grant requests to be considered is August 31, annually. Payment will be made following Synod Council approval.