

NPNP Application

Proposed template of a good application for 2018

Section 2 – Project Specifics

A. Making New Disciples

1) Who are the new people this project will reach? (50 words max)

This ministry targets (describe the target group), a group of people in our community who are not attending church anywhere and are not adequately being reached by (etc.)

2) How will this make these new people into disciples and how will you know? (50 words max)

We have specific steps from initial contact to Profession of Faith and beyond, as outlined in the next answer.

3) What are the specific steps between the initial contact with the new person and the decision that person will eventually make to become a disciple of Jesus Christ herself/himself? (250 words max)

Our initial contact with them will be through this new (name) ministry. Those who respond in a positive way will be invited to become part of a new group that will meet weekly. The time and place of that weekly gathering will depend on the desires and schedules of these new people. This gathering will be led by Kevin and Katie Jones, who are especially committed to this new ministry. They will lead the curriculum, Three Simple Questions, by Reuben Job. This study helps people rediscover, “Who is God? Who am I? And who are we together?” After the first six weeks, John and Mindy Smith will take over leadership of the group and offer Jim Harnish’s A Disciple’s Path, which explores what we mean by membership vows of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Next, Rev. Goodpastor will lead them in a 6-week experience with Elaine Heath’s Five Means of Grace, which introduces how prayer, searching the Scriptures, Holy Communion, fasting, and conferencing help form us as disciples. At our Palm Sunday worship we receive our youth Confirmation class and all our new adult Confirmands. This group of adults will then become a new class in our church led by John and Mindy Smith. The curriculum will be One Faithful Promise, designed especially for new Christians to learn more about who Jesus is and how to grow as a disciple.

In addition, please attach your church’s PATHWAY or SPECIFIC plan for discipleship here.

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4) How is the place “new”? (50 words max)

The place is not really new; we are remodeling x to make it more inviting. But the main new place is that we are taking this ministry outside the walls of the church and meeting the people where they are.

5) Is this something another church or ministry could do, or is it unique to your setting? (50 words max)

While this project is unique because of the particular need in our town and a particular commitment on the part of two of our members, a church of our size in another place could use this same model to reach the young people in their setting.

B. Buy-in and engagement

1) What group or individual will be responsible for this project/ministry? (30 words max)

Kevin and Katie Jones, plus a new ministry team of 8 church members and leaders.

2) What evidence do you have that your church board buys in to this project? (50 words max)

We voted unanimously at our May 17 meeting to endorse this new project.

3) What evidence do you have that your pastor buys in to this project? (50 words max)

She has promoted this idea in her writing and at Board meetings.

- 4) **Approximately what percentage of your congregation will be directly involved in this project?**
5% of our active members

C. Financial accountability

Do you commit to segregate the financial accounting for this program as a distinct and identifiable part of your larger church budget?

Yes

Using the provided template below, attach a simple budget for the project.

New People New Places 2018 budget template

Please attach the budget for the project here.

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- 2) **What other groups/individuals beyond the church budget will share in the funding cost? (50 words max)**
We are approaching certain individuals in our church for special gifts, plus we are partnering with the three other UMC's in our town.
- 3) **What percentage of your church's overall budget does this request represent?**
5%

D. Outcomes described

- 1) **If funded, how many new professions of faith are you expecting as the result of the next 12 months of this program?**
20 new Professions of Faith
- 2) **If not professions of faith, what other outcomes are you measuring and why? (50 words max)**
We will also monitor the progress of our new people as they participate in the various steps toward Profession of Faith as outlined above.

E. Self-evaluation

- 1) **How will you evaluate your success? (100 words max)**
We will count the number of church people engaged in hands-on ministry, will follow the progress of the new people growing more committed to the way of Jesus, and we will count the number of professions of faith.
- 2) **Do you commit to submitting a video of your progress to us by March 30, 2019?**
(Videos will need to be submitted via Dropbox, YouTube link, or Google Drive. Videos should be in a .MOV or MPG4 format. No WMV's please. Videos should be submitted between January and March of the year following receipt of the grant.)
Yes

F. Evidence of the Connection

- 1) **What percentage of your Conference apportionments did you pay in the last calendar year?** *100%*
- 2) **Please attach any endorsement from your District Missional Strategy Team and/or District Superintendent.**
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