

2023 Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants

The Episcopal Church invites applications for grants to assist with Young Adult and Campus Ministries throughout the church. This is a three-step process which includes discernment and planning, writing the application, and online submission. This process is designed to help you discern where and how God is calling your community to serve young adults and whether now is the right time to apply for a grant. We hope this process is an invitation for you and your community to consider how The Episcopal Church can minister with young adults on and off college campuses (including community colleges and tribal college campuses, non-traditional degree programs), in the military, and those who are not in college.

Eligibility

These grants are intended to provide funding for an Episcopal ministry (or ecumenical ministry with an Episcopal presence) in a diocese, congregation, or college/university that is currently engaging in or seeking a new relationship with young adults on and off college campuses.

Competitive Grant Requirements

In accordance with Canon I.4.6, grant applicants must understand that the recipient's diocese's failure to pay its assessment in full or to apply for and receive a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council.

- The applicant's diocese pays its full assessment.
- The applicant's diocese has been granted a waiver for years (list).
- The applicant's diocese has made application for a waiver but has not been advised regarding a determination.

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Amount, Duration, and Categories of Grants

A total of \$140,000 is available for this cycle. These grants are for the 2023-24 academic year. Deadline for submitting grants is November 3, 2022. There are four categories of grants:

- 1) **Development Grant:** establish a new, restore a dormant, or reenergize a current ministry. Grant ranges from \$8,000-30,000 and can be used over a two-year period. *Development Grants can only be awarded to a specific ministry once every 5 years.*
- 2) **Campus Ministry Grants:** provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants \$1,000-8,000.
- 3) **Young Adult Ministry Grants:** provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative young adult ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants \$1000-8,000.
- 4) **Project Grants:** provide money for a one-time project that will enhance and impact the campus or young adult ministry. Grants \$100-2,000.

Selection Criteria

Projects must:

- **address how you might incorporate new learning, leadership development and/or training of young adults.**
- **address how this project or ministry can be safely and reasonably done with health and safety precautions in place (i.e. Covid-19, Monkey Pox, flu, etc.) Please use state and diocesan guidelines.**

- **show how the ministry will be supported** by the diocese, congregation, and/or ministry at the end of the grant term. (if applicable)
- **(if you are applying for a Development Grant) be discussed and run by the Provincial Coordinator** of your region. If you do not know who your provincial coordinator is, please look here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/young-adult-and-campus-ministry/council/> or contact the YACM office.
- **be approved by the bishop** of the diocese in which the ministry is to be located. Each diocese that receives a grant shall appoint someone to oversee the grant and make appropriate financial reports to The Episcopal Church and the Office of Young Adult and Campus Ministries.
- **include a one-to-two-minute video** telling us how this grant will help your ministry grow, change, or do something new. (have fun with this – we don't need a PowerPoint presentation, but to hear from you and your ministry.)
- **be formatted correctly and fall within the length specified in each grant** - each must include the summary page, description, goals, and evaluation and continuation of ministry, video, and budget worksheet on the application.
- **be submitted online.** If you cannot submit the application online, please contact us before October 28 to make other arrangements.
- **be received on or before November 3, 2022** by 10 pm Eastern time.

Selection Preferences

In addition to the above criteria, the selection process will also reflect several preferences. Though these are not requirements, we will give preference to projects that:

- are collaborative and bring members of the community together.
- utilize innovative digital strategies for engagement and gathering.
- promote racial justice and reconciliation, evangelism, or environmental stewardship.
- promote engagement with the Way of Love. (<https://episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>)
- reach those who are traditionally least likely to seek out a campus ministry or other Episcopal young adult ministry.
- address specific priorities of General Convention. (Wondering what the priorities are? You can search here using keywords or dates: <https://www.episcopalarchives.org/e-archives/acts/>). Please cite the resolution if you are pointing to the priorities outlined by any act of convention such as: [2015-A027](#).

For full grant process and more info go to:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/young-adult-and-campus-ministry/grants/>

2023 Grant Recommendations

A team of people including the Provincial Coordinators for Campus Ministry, leaders in the area of ministry with young adults, staff, and an Executive Council Member read all the applications. They scored and commented on each grant application based on the criteria and preferences outlined above. We also took into account Resolution 2022-D006 as we discerned. Each application was read by at least three people. We gathered in person and over Zoom to discern which grants should be funded. The team worked incredibly hard and faithfully to discern each application and I am thankful for their dedication and hard work.

There were 35 Grant Applications. 13 of which were Development Grants, 11 Campus Ministry Grants, 2 Project Grants, and 9 Young Adult Ministry Grants. They total \$445,150. We have 280,000 to grant this biennium. We are recommending the following 19 grants for funding with a total of \$140,000 which will leave 140,000 for next year.

Campus Ministry Grants

AIC Interfaith Campus Ministry

\$3,000.00

Diocese of Western Massachusetts

AIC Interfaith Campus Ministry

American International College (AIC) is requesting funding to support the establishment of a comprehensive Interfaith Campus Ministry Program, which will enhance AIC's infrastructure for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB), one of the six fundamental pillars guiding AIC Reimagined, the College's 2022-2027 strategic plan. With the establishment of this program, the College intends to a) support the diverse faith backgrounds of undergraduate and graduate student body, faculty, and staff, who are part of AIC's community; b) sustain an environment and culture that readily acknowledges and celebrates the importance of faith, prayer, meditation while fulfilling needs for ministry as well as instilling an appreciation for tolerance and respect; c) create ongoing educational programming that supports learning, adopting, and supporting initiatives and practices that enhances diversity and heritage of faith and social justice; d) offer spiritual guidance and pastoral care to students, faculty, and staff; and e) support AIC students who are most at risk and have basic needs that are unmet.

Canterbury Foundation of San Luis Obispo

\$5,000.00

Diocese of El Camino Real

Mobile Ministry

What does it mean to take ministry outside the walls? What if your ministry has no walls, to begin with? Our project seeks to rebuild a campus ministry weakened by the pandemic and struggling to connect with a student population that struggles to connect. Through providing a ministry of presence and one of the few fully affirming and inclusive campus ministry programs on campus, we seek to offer support through programming such as Agape meals, a laundry ministry, and a ministry partnership program. We intend to challenge and support students' spiritual growth and development through a "Chat with the Chaplain" program and service opportunities with spiritual reflection. Our overall goal is to walk alongside students on their spiritual journey as they find ways to make meaning in their lives. We look to accomplish this through emotional support and spiritual, ritual, and physical nourishment during this most challenging time in their lives.

Canterbury MSU

\$3,000.00

Diocese of Michigan

Canterbury Interns

We seek to establish two year-long internships to offer leadership formation opportunities to students and support the growing campus ministry program at Michigan State University.

Church of the Good Shepherd**\$7,900.00**

Diocese of South Dakota

Environmental Stewardship and Campus Ministry: From a Food Desert to a Food Forest

The Church of the Good Shepherd sits on a two-acre lot one mile west of the Augustana University campus in Sioux Falls. We have a few students and faculty as members and attenders of the church, including some who have never attended church before. Our church has hosted a small group of interested students in a Creature Care study. When a vegetable garden that was started by a parishioner about 8 years ago was languishing, the Augustana Garden student organization agreed to take it over and make it part of their Community Supported Agriculture gardens producing vegetables for campus, for subscribers, and for the local community charitable food pantry. In order to take our partnership with the University to a new level, partnering with students and faculty, we plan to turn our vast lawn from a food desert into a food forest. Students will help us design and plant a pollinator garden to support bees and butterflies, a compost system that will benefit the church and the neighborhood, and an edible food forest that will benefit us all. Students who are partnering with local non-profit organizations like SoDak Compost and Project Food Forest are helping us to plan and implement the grant.

ELCM - Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry**\$4,000.00**

Diocese of Missouri

Episcopal Lutheran Campus Ministry

Calvary Episcopal Church in conjunction with a local Lutheran partner (St. Andrew's ELCA) and the Diocese of Missouri (DioMO) are relaunching a campus ministry in Columbia Missouri at the University of Missouri (MU) and other local colleges (Columbia College, Stephens College, and a satellite of Missouri Area Community College (MACC)). The goal of this campus ministry is to build upon the rich liturgical and faith traditions of both the Episcopal and Lutheran churches to form an open, affirming, curious, and creative community of students dedicated to following Jesus's radical way of love. ELCM strives to be a place where all are truly welcome and students and chaplains (both lay and ordained) together encounter God. As both congregations are already engaged in supporting and growing the ministry, the biggest need is recruiting students. So ELCM is seeking grant funding for outreach programming, events, and materials, as well as other marketing and startup costs.

Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard**\$7,000.00**

Diocese of Massachusetts

Landscape of Slavery: Sacred Reckoning with the Body

"Do not walk somewhere to preach unless your way of walking is already your preaching." -St. Francis

This project aims to expand an exploration of the Legacy of Slavery begun as a ministry of the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard and Christ Church, Cambridge. In leading a series of walking tours, we have begun to create a way of attending to places which show how the history of slavery is all around us; not something comfortably behind us but persisting in legacies seen and unseen in our cultural institutions of today, land, buildings, and bodies. Working closely with the careful archival research of the Harvard & Legacy of Slavery Report, we seek to broaden our geographic range, developing pilgrimages of 3 sizes over the next two years. We want to make pilgrimage to sites in the greater Boston area, to Rhode Island and Connecticut, and finally, to sites in Jamaica and Antigua to come to terms with the scope of this legacy of slavery in building Harvard, Christ Church, Cambridge and Boston. Responding to priorities within the Diocese of Massachusetts and the wider church, our goal is to honor the work of reckoning that the dream of reparations is founded upon, through the leadership and evangelism of this young adult ministry, collaborating across our Province and beyond into our Anglican communion.

Grace Village Campus Ministry**\$5,000.00**

Diocese of Indianapolis

Wild Card Café

We would like to reinvigorate our breakfast ministry, Wild Card Café. Wild Card Café got a great start four years ago thanks to a Young Adults and Campus Ministry grant from the Episcopal Church. We would like to use new grant money to upgrade our current supplies and purchase supplies for new needs that have arisen.

Niner United**\$8,000.00**

Diocese of North Carolina

Student Support Initiative

Across the nation, college students face an incredible mental illness crisis. Niner United, the Episcopal Campus Ministry at UNC Charlotte, is overwhelmed by the number of students who need specialized mental health assistance. Our Student Support Initiative seeks to utilize The Way of Love to serve as a framework for helping the campus ministry care for and nurture students facing various mental health struggles.

UMass Dartmouth Episcopal Campus Ministry**\$4,000.00**

Diocese of Massachusetts

UMass Dartmouth Episcopal Campus Ministry

The Episcopal Campus Ministry at UMass Dartmouth is a relatively new ministry started in March of 2020, just before the Covid-19 pandemic began. The Episcopal Campus Ministry is the only progressive campus ministry program on campus. We are centered on providing students, faculty, and staff with an opportunity to embrace progressive Christianity and to be rooted in the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Way of Love. We strive to engage students in social justice and service-oriented opportunities. Our ultimate goal is to enable students to love God, love others, and become disciples.

Development Grants**NightSong****\$11,750.00**

Diocese of Arizona

NightSong: A Compline Experience

It began as a small community outreach project organized by Young Adults at the request of St. Philips in the Hills. We had this idea to share a compline service with the wider Tucson community. As we searched for an audience and a venue we began to realize how many young adults in Tucson need community and a chance to connect with one another on a spiritual level. The pandemic has left their social lives fractured and lonely, our society tells them to focus so much on labor and productivity... the NightSong project seeks to engage this need and bring it before God in the Sung Prayers of Compline. NightSong creates a Sung Compline Service four times a year in a public outdoor venue centered in a hub popular with young adults, the Mercado Annex. We also hold a weekly casual bible study at the outdoor bar in the same complex with members of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona and the Beloved in the Desert Episcopal Service Corps. Our initial venture was partly funded by a seed grant from Princeton Theological Seminary and we are now seeking the development funding to support us on our path to sustainability.

Province V**\$20,000.00**

Province V

Developing a Campus Ministry Consultant Position

Province V is in the visioning stage of creating a province-wide Campus Ministry Consultant to serve the worshipping communities across the province as they work to connect to their local higher education

campuses. The Campus Ministry Consultant (CMC), a full-time employee of Province V, would help leaders of worshipping communities identify and creatively respond to new ministry opportunities at nearby campuses. Should Province V of the Episcopal Church be awarded a YACM development grant, the Province V Executive Board and Province V Coordinator intend to partner with Ministry Architects to facilitate a visioning and discernment process with the hope of vastly expanding the reach and empowerment of young adults from diverse backgrounds on campuses across the province. The province hopes to develop a full-time campus ministry consultant position at the provincial level that can bolster and support campus ministries with best practices and innovative strategies customized to each ministry's unique context. At the conclusion of the visioning process, engaging existing YACM stakeholders across the province, Ministry Architects would guide the leadership to execute an implementation plan for sustainable staffing and funding to execute this vision.

Proyecto JEC / Jóvenes Episcopales de Cuba (JEC)

\$27,000.00

Diócesis de Cuba

Resurrección Joven 2 "Young Resurrection 2"

In view of the good results obtained by the "Resurrección Joven" project (a grant received in 2022) and at the request of the young people of the Diocesan Organization, it was decided to continue the project presented above on the basis of the bases developed through a second stage of Forma Practica:

- Work on the guidelines of the preceding project by implementing the model of effective leadership in local groups and at the diocesan level.
- Promote evangelization, starting with young missionary groups in the communities in the Episcopal style.
- Multiplication in the Diocesan Organization of Green Promoters who promote the work of caring for creation.
- Inclusion of the themes of the culture of tolerance, equality and non-discrimination, racial or otherwise, in the spaces of sincere dialogue created. These issues continue to face today's youth on a daily basis and with them we want to say NO to social exclusion and YES to love.
- To develop and strengthen Episcopal/Anglican roots in leaders, to face the new challenges of the contemporary world from a local and global perspective, emphasizing greater knowledge of our history as an Episcopal Church.

Project Grants

Ellsworth Community College / St. Matthew's By-the-Bridge

\$1,500.00

Diocese of Iowa

Outreach at Ellsworth Community College

St. Matthew's is beginning an outreach project to establish a campus ministry presence at Ellsworth Community College (ECC) here in Iowa Falls. The student body of ECC, approximately 800 in number, is diverse including both commuter and residential students, students of color, and non-traditional students. Through conversation with a faculty member who also attends our church, we have discovered several basic student needs. These are study snack packs for exam time, basic body lotion and chap stick for our cold Iowa winters, participation in the ECC Back to School Bash, and emergency discretionary funds. Each student packet will contain a note with contact information and encouragement for their educational endeavors from our church. We are partnering with Iowa Falls Chamber Main Street, and Iowa Falls Church Women United for additional help. Along with personal participation of our church members these project needs will be distributed.

Young Adult Ministry Grants

20s/30s at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral

\$7,000.00

Diocese of Olympia

Dig Deeper

Dig Deeper will invite young adults from Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, neighboring university campuses, and parishes throughout the Diocese of Olympia to explore the ways we grow, harvest, share and repurpose food. Most of the program initiatives will take place in collaboration and partnership with Nurturing Roots, a Black-owned urban farm in the heart of Seattle's Beacon Hill neighborhood, with some opportunities to explore agrarian ministries in the diocese. Deep formation and relationship can occur when digging in the dirt and preparing and sharing a meal together.

Ascension School Camp & Conference Center

\$3,650.00

Diocese of Eastern Oregon

Young Adult Spiritual Exploration Retreat

Earlier this year, Ascension School hosted its first ever Young Adult Spiritual Exploration Retreat (YASE) focused on empowering young adults who are in the early stages of their spiritual journeys. Many young people have felt ostracized, hurt, or wary of organized religion and church, and these painful experiences have turned many away from spiritual understanding. The YASE retreat gives these young adults an opportunity to explore spiritual understanding without any pressure. No pressure to believe, no pressure to conform to familial expectations, no pressure to fit in to a community, only the space and freedom to explore and question. Belief cannot happen without understanding, and understanding cannot happen without exploration. The goal of this retreat is to go back to step one of faith – exploration. Last year's retreat held events such as guided meditation, yoga, ecstatic dance, nature journaling, and sacred space creation. This year, we hope to bring in more presenters to both widen the value of our events and lengthen the duration of the retreat (a unanimous request from last year's participants). In addition to a more diverse team, we hope to offer scholarships once again next year, as nearly 80% of our 2022 participants applied and were approved for fee-waiving scholarships.

Church of the Holy Nativity

\$8,000.00

Diocese of Maryland

The Imani Project: A Young Adult Ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Nativity

Our goal is of the Imani Project is to connect with young adults between the ages of 18-30, share the Good News of Jesus Christ through action and words, to present the Episcopal arm of the Jesus Movement and to provide opportunities for young adults to explore their faith, to learn how faith and a spiritual life can assist them in navigating the challenges of life, celebrating the joys of life and making a positive impact on the world. Spiritual formation, mentoring and service opportunities will be available to our projected 20 core Imani Project participants. Monthly Triple D (Deep Dive Dinners) events will be held with our participants. Throughout the year, participants will have opportunities to worship with the Holy Nativity community and work with several of our partners in various activities. In the summer of 2023, we will hold a two-day retreat focused on leadership training and evaluation of the Imani Project.

Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

\$4,000.00

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Living Waters

Living Waters will be a collaborative ministry of Lamppost Young Adult Fellowship and Beloved Community Outreach Center (BCOC) that will invite young adults and college-aged students into a spiritually rich life by integrating Episcopal liturgy, the Way of Love, and outdoor recreation as a means to connect with one another and the unique blessings of the water in our geographic region of Lower Alabama. Hiking through marsh settings and coastal forests with the daily office or communion, kayaking

and paddle boarding in Mobile Bay to worship on the water, celebrating Eucharist on a local beach, discovering how the divine moves through the care and appreciation of creation—monthly offerings will encourage young adults and college-aged students to discern how faith informs their daily lives and how they can use the liturgies and resources we utilize to help them further cultivate their personal spiritual lives and invite others to do likewise. The Office for Development and Evangelism in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast wants to support this work in two distinct ways. A portion of the Young Adult Grant will be used to support programmatic costs for Lamppost such as rentals, travel, meals, snacks, promotional materials, printed materials, and leadership development. The other portion we will use to compensate our Missioner for Mobile who coordinates BCOC. In this new offering, the Missioner for Mobile will need to devote additional time and energy to their workload to coordinate Living Waters.

Life Together

\$5,000.00

Diocese of Massachusetts

The Healing Leaders Initiative

This grant will address personal and systemic barriers to young adults achieving their full potential as leaders through an integrated program of personal and communal support, embedded within Life Together’s Servant Leadership Training Program. The project will help young adults build resilience in the face of the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism through three layers of support: a stipend to help offset costs of individual therapy; regular group therapy meetings with members of the intentional community to build capacity for resilience and conflict resolution; and monthly racial affinity groups that will surface structural barriers to healing within Life Together and beyond. This project addresses individual, communal, and systemic needs through an integrated, trauma-informed approach. By offering a healing space for young adult leaders, we seek to better equip them for leadership in challenging times.

The Flock

\$2,200.00

Diocese of Texas

The Flock – A Young Adult Ministry of San Mateo Episcopal Church

Nothing is more challenging than finding oneself or worse, a community that accepts you regardless of your path. This grave problem gave birth to The Flock in the year 2022 to serve as a missional community for all the young adults who are church-goers, or even those who have left the Church, and those who had never even heard of the Episcopal Church. With this grant, we hope to convert this simple group of young adults that started earlier this year, to a full-fledged community, guided by the Spirit to aid young adults through their journey in the valley of the shadow of death.

Tiospaye Wakan

\$8,000.00

South Dakota

Young Adults Omnicij

Young Adults are a significant part of the Tiospaye Wakan Congregation and most being second and third generation Urban Lakotas, don’t know their language, traditional spiritual practices and often have limited knowledge of the Episcopal Church. The Tiospaye Wakan Young Adult programs will allow opportunities for network building and support for these Young Adults to grow as strong, healthy, and sober Lakota adults eventually becoming good Lakota Elders who will offer guidance and support to the next generation of Lakota Young Adults.