

PURPOSE

To be very intentional and effective with our resources to:

- birth new ministries through church plantings throughout the Atlantic Northeast District.
- re-birth/revitalize ANE congregations that are about to close.
- encourage leadership growth.
- support ANE congregations who have demonstrated that the growth or expansion of the congregation depends on an investment from the District.



**Please contact the District Office
for the required application for
the Seeds of Faith Grant Fund.**

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GUIDELINES

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

- All disbursements shall be in furtherance of the religious and/or charitable purpose of ANE and in the case of organizations, shall be made only to ANE churches or congregational and ANE sponsored organizations having a non-profit tax exempt status for legitimate tax-exempt purposes.
- Preference shall be given to grant requests which fall within one or more of the ***Preferred Categories***, all of which are to be considered on an equal basis.

PREFERRED CATEGORIES

Preference shall be given to grant requests which fall within one or more of the following categories, all of which are to be considered on an equal basis.

1. **“Seed” Funds** - Providing initial funding to allow time and energy to be focused and invested for a successful church plant or church revitalization.
 - a) Requests to assist in church planting, church revitalization, or in opening and establishing new areas of mission or service, including education and training;
 - b) Requests for "seed money" to assist with start-up costs of new ministries;
 - c) Requests which propose innovative approaches to ministry.
2. **Church Expansion** - Providing support for those churches who have demonstrated, or are demonstrating, growth and the expansion of their ministries.
3. **Education** - Developing leadership/discipleship skills and practical tools.
 - a) Requests which will cultivate or nurture the understanding or practice of Christian stewardship in its various aspects;
 - b) Requests which will strengthen educational ministries and opportunities.
4. **Assessment** - Evaluating personnel and locations as to their compatibility with the mission, vision, and goals for a successful church plant.