

Nomination Form

The Robert W. Ihloff Fund for Congregational Development

The Ihloff fund is a discretionary fund of the Bishop of Maryland, created to promote efforts in Congregational Development in honor of and thanksgiving for the work of The Right Rev'd Robert W. Ihloff, the XIII Bishop of Maryland.

Grants will be made to requests that support efforts in congregational development as characterized by the Episcopal Church Congregational Development website, <http://www.dfms.org/congdev.htm>, broadly understood. [See Appendix 1] This includes (but is not limited to) direct cash grants to congregations for specific uses, funding for conferences and educational experiences, fees for consultants, grants to programs or committees which promote congregational development, and the acquisition of resources to be made available for congregational use. Requests for funding that do not conform to these areas will be directed to more appropriate sources, such as the Endowment Grants committee or the regular diocesan budget process.

This nomination form may be submitted by a congregation, a program committee, a member of the bishop's staff or by the bishop herself or himself.

Nominations are due March 1st each year.

Nominations are to be addressed to the Rev. Daniel Webster, canon for Evangelism and Ministry Development, C/O The Diocesan Center, 4 East University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218.

Nominators may copy this form into a word processor and substitute typed text in place of the lines, if that is more convenient.

Questions regarding this nomination process should be directed to the Chair of the Mission Strategy Group.

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Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Brief Description of the Task/Need/Outcome:

How does this proposal comply with the description of Congregational Development as found at <http://www.dfms.org/congdev.htm> ?

Amount of Funding Requested: _____

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Attached to this form, please include the following:

Background: In a paragraph or two, please give a brief descriptive account of how the conditions came to be that this nomination seeks to address.

Demographic Analysis: Attach a Percept FirstView Report for the area in which this ministry initiative is to be carried out, including annotations around the issues which this nomination addresses. (Available at www.link2lead.com)

Precedence: Give a brief account of effort similar to the one proposed in this nomination, including descriptions of which efforts were successful and which were not (including the criteria by which they were measured).

Goals and Timelines: what specific, concrete and measurable goals will be accomplished at key points in the granted program?

Anticipated Outcomes: what do you hope to see once the funding has ended?

Appendix I
Congregational Development Categories from
<http://www.dfms.org/congdev.htm>

Growth & Development

All of Congregational Development and Redevelopment, and all of Stewardship are at their heart *about God's mission of transforming the world and the lives it contains*. This area of Congregational Development produces resources for congregations and dioceses that will be useful in the ongoing work of *growing healthy and vital congregations*. You will find research results that will give accurate information about who we are and what we are about.

New Churches

This page supports the growing commitment of dioceses *to plant new churches and redevelop existing congregations* in response to the 20/20 initiative adopted by the General Convention of 2000 in Denver. This initiative calls for the Episcopal Church to *double its size by the year 2020* as a faithful response to the mission of the church "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP p. 855) and the Great Commission to "Go therefore and make all nations my disciples" (Mt. 28:19).

Small Church Development

Within the small-membership church category this includes churches that are *small and stable* (26.7%), those that are *small and declining* (46.8%), and those that are *small and growing* (26.5%). They may be located in an urban setting, suburban, or in rural and open country (17% of all Episcopal churches).

Stewardship

We hope to provide basic information to help leaders in congregations develop stewardship programs that help *carry out the work God is calling them to do*. We are big believers in *not reinventing the wheel*. Rather, we prefer to highlight the excellent wheels being invented around the church.