The Episcopal Diocese of Newark

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ACTS/VIM

A Commitment To Serve/Venture In Mission

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MISSION STATEMENT

Through financial support of programs and projects that encourage both congregational development and community outreach, ACTS/VIM endeavors to increase the activity of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark as it expresses Jesus' vision of God's people preserved in the Gospel.

WHO WE ARE

The board is comprised of 12 members, 9 elected and 3 appointed by the bishop.

Since 1979 the Diocese of Newark has through the ACTS/VIM board, given over $10M in grants to churches and church CDC's as they seek to increase the activity of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese.

TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- Church
- Multi Congregations
- District Initiative

APPLICATION PROCESSS

- **Determine whether the project fits the criteria.**

- **Download an application form from the diocesan website. Note: There are separate application forms for the three categories.**

- **Pay strict adherence to the requirements. (See handout. Note carefully 13-16).**

- **Note deadlines: Feb 15 for June Funding; September 15 for December Funding.**

EVALUATION PROCESSS

- Once the application is received it is reviewed by the board.

- No funding for building repairs/construction.

- Only one proposal per institution per granting cycle.

- Maximum grant $20,000 for the first three granting periods. After maximum funding $10,000 per period.

REVIEW PROCESSS

- **Once Application is accepted, a liaison team is assigned.**

- **Team makes an on-site visit and reports back to the board.**

- **Board meets, decides on the merits of the application and makes a recommendation to Diocesan Council.**

- **Council considers recommendation at May and November meetings and votes in June and September.**

EVALUATION OF PROJECT

- **After project is commenced, be prepared for the evaluation questions:**

- **Population served.**

- **Feedback received.**

- **Two identifiable goals.**

- **Were the goals achieved? If not why?**

GOOD LUCK!