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ACTS/VIM

A Commitment To Serve/Venture In Mission

**VESTRY
UNIVERSITY**

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CRITERIA

- Connect congregational development and community outreach.
- Promote inclusivity and welcoming of outsiders into the Episcopal Church.
- Foster and broaden clergy and lay leadership in the congregation.
- Demonstrate responsible stewardship of resources.
- Offer a creative vision for the church's witness and presence in the community.
- Promote collaboration and cooperation.
- Provide initial resources for new endeavors (seed money) which might be otherwise difficult to fund.



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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 CDC's as they seek to increase the activity of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese.



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TYPES OF APPLICATIONS

- Church.
- Multi Congregations.
- District Initiative.



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FUND FOR OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Purpose: For the support of direct mission outreach to low-income and marginalized people across the diocese, the nation and the world. The program would be administered by the present ACTS/VIM board with the same protocols, procedures, and review processes for the oversight and allocation of resources.

The establishment of the FUND FOR OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE would bring under the board's purview all outreach and social justice ministries grant requests even beyond those programs focused on food, shelter, education and international relief. Two such programs are the Prison Ministry and the Newark School of Theology.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

- Determine whether the project fits the criteria.
- Download an application form from the diocesan website.
(Note: Each category has its separate application form)
- Note deadlines: Feb 15 for June Funding; September 15 for December Funding.



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EVALUATION PROCESS

- 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.



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REVIEW PROCESS

- 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 December.



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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?



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WHAT IS THE ALLELUIA FUND

The Alleluia Fund is a fund established in the diocese with its main focus to support outreach and mission in the Diocese of Newark.



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH
THE ALLELUIA FUND



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HOW IS IT FUNDED?

During the Alleluia Season, (Easter Sunday to Pentecost) individuals are invited to make monetary donations to this fund. It is an opportunity to express thanks to God for the abundance in gifts He has given us.



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STATISTICS

- Last year the diocese fed 174,000 persons through this fund.
- Last year 2,000 low-income children attended after-school programs and summer camp.
- Last year 1,200 people attended English as a second language and Citizenship classes.
- Last year 600 life-saving insecticide nets helped save 1,5000 people from the ravages of malaria.



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WHO CAN APPLY?

Any organization that is involved in social justice efforts in the areas of Food, Shelter, Education and International Relief.



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FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Food/ Personal Care Items
- Shelter/Housing
- Education/Occupation
- International



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HOW TO APPLY

There are two ways of applying:

1. Online
 2. Download a word document application form.
- For the applications go to: <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org>



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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

As with all applications, pay strict adherence to the deadlines.

Once you have the application form, try as best as possible to answer all the questions asked.

Incomplete applications frustrate the examining board and delays the process.

When in doubt, find out.



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ADMINISTRATION

For the 2013 Granting cycle, the administration of the Alleluia Fund will be done by the ACTS/VIM board. This all part of the streamlining of the funding sources in the diocese.



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Questions?????

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

• Good Luck!