

New Church Start Benefit Grants **Preliminary Application 2018**

Applications must be received on or before September 1, 2017 for benefit support to begin January 1, 2018.

Please note that this application is simply the *first step* in being considered for a New Church Start Benefit Grant as administered by the Pension Boards. If you are recommended for the New Church Benefit Grant, you must still fill out any Pension Boards forms sent to you and apply for Life and Disability Income Insurance before you actually receive the grant.

In order to receive and maintain the New Church Benefit Grant, you must apply for the Life and Disability Income Insurance of the Pension Boards at the congregation's expense. (1.5% of the pastor's salary).

Application submission date:

Church Identification number:

Conference:

Name of New Church:

Address of New Church:

Mailing address (if different):

Phone number:

Email address:

What is the Ecclesiastical Standing of the New Church?

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| • In Process | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, Date: | <input type="text"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • In-Care | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, Date: | <input type="text"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Full Standing | YES | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, Date: | <input type="text"/> | NO | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Minister's Name:

Minister's Address:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Is Minister currently receiving disability income? * Yes: No:

***If you are receiving disability income - You are not eligible for the grant program.**

Date of Employment by New Church:

Number of hours Minister is employed per week (Minimum of 20 hours):

Is the Pastor receiving salary according to conference guidelines? YES NO

What is the annual cash salary paid to the Minister? *

***You must receive a cash salary to be eligible for the grant program.**

What is the Ecclesiastical Standing of the Minister?

- Commissioned: YES If yes, Date: NO
- Licensed: YES If yes, Date: NO
- Ordained: YES If yes, Date: NO
- Ordained Ministerial Partner: YES If yes, Date: NO
- Dual Standing: YES If yes, Date: NO

E-mail address Phone number

What was the new church's annual operating budget total last year?

What is the new church's projected operating budget total this year?

What is the new church's estimated operating budget for next year?

What is the new church's amount of OCWM basic support giving?

What is the new church's percentage of OCWM from operating budget? %

Is the new church 5 for 5 in Special Giving? YES NO

If no, which one(s) does the new church support?

- (1) UCC Basic Support
- (2) One Great Hour of Sharing
- (3) Strengthen the Church
- (4) Neighbors in Need
- (5) The Christmas Fund

Will the new church be able to maintain benefit payments after the grant period?
YES NO

What specific Benefit Plan is the New Church applying for?

Standard Health Plan

Dental Plan

Pension Plan

How much New Church Benefit Support assistance is requested?

A congregation may request up to \$10,000 in the first year of the New Church Benefit Support Program. Any support requested for subsequent years will be at a decreased amount. All support is dependent upon the availability of funds.

NEW CHURCH AND CONFERENCE ENDORSEMENT:

Name of New Church:

Name of Minister:

Signature of Minister:

Date Signed:

Conference:

Name of Conference Staff Contact:

Conference Minister's Signature:

Date of Endorsement:

A completed copy of the application, signed by the pastor and endorsed by the conference can be faxed to Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement (CASA), attention Karen Koza at (216) 736-2229 or e-mail at kozak@ucc.org. A signed hard copy must be mailed back to Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement/LCM. You will receive an email confirming receipt of the application. Please mail the signed completed application to:

New Church Benefit Support Program
Congregational Assessment, Support and Advancement
Local Church Ministries of the UCC
700 Prospect Avenue E
Cleveland, OH 44115

Reminder: Applications **MUST** be received on or before September 1, 2017 for benefit support to begin January 1, 2018. This preliminary application is the **first step** in the application process. The actual application for the Pension Boards Benefit Plans will be mailed directly to the new church by the Pension Boards and must be completed, signed, and returned by their designated deadline. The Minister is subject to all normal criteria for enrollment. Incomplete applications will not be processed.