

NPUC REGIONAL MINISTRIES

CHURCH BUILDING ADJUDICATION CRITERIA AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Approved by the Administrative Council (ADCO) of the North Pacific Union Conference on 2-4-2021.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this writing is to outline the basic adjudication criteria that will be used to determine eligibility of a church to receive Church Building funding through the NPUC Office of Regional Ministries and the amount of funding for the years 2021-25.

ELIGIBILITY

Inclusion in the Church Building Program requires a formal request from the church leadership (Board or Business Meeting). Requests will be entered The Strategic Plan for Regional Ministries as delineated in the **NPUC Regional Evangelism/Church Planting/Church Revitalization and Capital Church Building Plan**. In accordance with the Church Building (CB) section of the Plan, expenditures will be considered in the following order of priority:

1. Assist homeless (renting) churches purchase or build a church home for worship and ministry service to their community.
2. Give early support to new church plants who are willing to make small investments in property that can be used initially for worship/ministry but sold later to purchase or build larger facilities.
3. Provide emergency assistance in the wake of an unforeseen catastrophic event such as a fire or wind damage, but not the result of deferred maintenance.
4. Support the development of major school or community service building projects.

All projects must show how the building will make an appreciable ministry impact and that impact be sustainable into the future. It is hoped that funding from the CB will highlight and encourage local conferences and other church entities to give support to worthy projects.

ADJUDICATION CRITERIA

Adjudication criteria will include:

- Funding will not be considered for the purchase of land, except regarding item # 2 above.
- Level of local church or entity support. What percentage of the total cost is in hand?
- Level of Local conference financial and in-kind support.
- Availability of resources from other sources such as the Union Revolving Fund.
- Total Cost of the project or phase thereof. Funding will be limited to 10% of the total project cost, and not to exceed the ceiling amount for the year of construction.
- Timing of construction. When will the construction be initiated and completed?
- Availability of Regional Church Building funds. The longevity and sustainability of the Church Building Fund is dependent upon the wise investment and return on endowment funds. Therefore, the amount available to be appropriated in any given year will likely fluctuate. That is why the timing of construction is critical.
- Ministry impact and sustainability of ministries that will be supported by the building. Plans for effective and sustainable ministry should be reflected in the building plans and church strategic plans. The question is: What does the church plan to do in the building?

APPROPRIATIONS

Recommendations for appropriations will be approved by the NPUC Administrative Council (ADCO).

NOTE: This policy and procedure reflect the purposes of NAD Working Policy S 82 05, and includes adjustments specific to the needs and organization of NPUC Regional Ministries.

SAMPLE APPLICATION

- (1) Church Name and current address
- (2) Contact Person (Pastor or Building Committee Chair) Information: Phone and email.
- (3) Building Location Address
- (4) Name and contact information of architect and construction contractor.
- (5) Current funds in hand.
- (6) Local conference financial support
- (7) Other available resources (delineate)
- (8) Total Project cost:
- (9) Desired time frame for construction:
- (10) Plans for ministry impact and sustainability.

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