

# First English Lutheran Church

## Policy for Disbursement of Funding for a Live Your Call Mission

Do you have a call? You most certainly do. Christ calls each of us. We have gifts and talents and inner desires to make a difference. When you are at your happiest, truly fulfilled in service, you are living a life that builds the Christian community that we were called to create in this world. In that spirit, First English Lutheran Church leaders have created a Love Jesus, Live Your Call fund that can be tapped to aid those who are compelled to follow their calls and are in need of seed money.

The requirements are simple: your request should align with our mission of Love Jesus, Live Your Call. While the Outreach and Social Ministry (OSM) Team will oversee the distribution of these funds, the ideas that are generated need not necessarily be outreach or social ministry. The ideas do need to grow our faith and help others to understand the love of Christ and the overwhelming grace of God.

We are expected to live this through our actions, and create Christians along the way. We want to help others to find what we have in the way of faith and community in Christ. When we move others to action in the name of Christ, we have a story to tell that moves others to live their calls. So, when you propose a project or idea for seed money, you should have a clear understanding of how you intend to help grow faith in Jesus Christ and his mission in the world.

It's no secret that denominational churches are dwindling in size and number. With this fresh approach to our mission, we hope to create catalysts within each of us that encourage others to follow our lead and join First English in extending Jesus' Great Commission to his disciples:

"...Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The FELC annual budget will include an account to fund Live Your Call missions. This budget will vary from year to year and will be established annually by the FELC Council when the annual budget is created.

If you are a congregational member proposing a Live Your Call project and would like to obtain funding from FELC, bring your request via the attached proposal questionnaire. Take time to prayerfully consider how the project answers each of these questions and describe your project in sufficient detail to help the OSM Team confirm that the objectives of the project are consistent with beliefs, practices, programs and the mission statement of FELC and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You should also explain the cost of the project, your proposed budget, and any other information that would help the team understand the request. The amount of any funding is at the discretion of the OSM Team.

FELC and the OSM Team expect each Live Your Call project to report on the progress of and share experiences from the project with the OSM Team, the FELC Council and the congregation periodically during the project and at the completion of the project. A basic accounting of how project funding was spent will be provided to the OSM Team.

In the event that the Live Your Call project is canceled or is not undertaken, for whatever reason, all funds provided by FELC will be accounted for and returned to FELC.

Policy approved by the FELC Council on January 22, 2013.

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## Questionnaire for Disbursement of Funding for a Live Your Call Mission

1. What is your vision for this project and how might it help others to love Jesus and live their calls?
  
2. Why do you feel called and what inspired you to become involved in this effort?
  
3. Who will spearhead this effort?
  
4. What resources (financial, people, facilities, & other) are being requested? How do you see them being used?
  
5. What is the timeframe? (Is this a one-time or seasonal event, yearly event, ongoing event, coincide with Make a Difference Day, etc.?)
  
6. If applicable, give background information on any organization with whom you'll be working, including any overhead or administrative costs.
  
7. What do you hope to accomplish?
  - a. What are your goals?
  
  
  - b. What are your dreams for this program?

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Outreach and Social Ministry Team, \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_\_

If you have any questions on how to fill out this form, please direct them to members of the Outreach and Social Ministry Team.

Completed forms should be submitted online or to the First English Lutheran Church office at 326 E. North St., Appleton, WI 54911. They will forward it to the Outreach and Social Ministry Team for consideration.