## **Grant Program for Innovative Evangelism Initiatives**

As we move through the Spring season surrounded by an abundance of growth in the gorgeous nature surrounding us, it is a pleasure to inform you that the Diocese office is looking to support each of you in your mission to grow your churches and ministries, increasing our Evangelical reach.

The implementation of a rolling application basis for financial grants from our offices is now available to you. We ask all vestry, priests and lay leaders to share this message with their communities.

The Diocese seeks to provide financial support to your groups that are looking to create a community outreach mission or event that will lead to people knowing more about Jesus and growing the Church. This could be as simple as social outreach and local advertising, but do know ideas are not limited to those above! We encourage you to be creative and develop a strategy that will nurture those in your individual areas.

We ask your project/program meet the following criteria:

- 1. This is a one time event/start up cost for a program. These funds are not for use to fund salaries or reoccurring and long term expenses.
- 2. Your project and program must show a mission for Evangelism.
- 3. Your group must also contribute to the financial\* start up of this new initiative. (\*Appropriate levels of your contribution will be determined on a case by case basis.)

It is our goal to eliminate any hindrance you may have in initiating new and innovative ways to engage our audiences by removing a financial road block and supporting your mission to grow!

Grants are available year round. For application details and to get additional questions answered please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Canon Aaron Smith, Canon for Evangelism and Growth.

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