

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We live in a troubled world but, with God's help, we as Christians have an obligation to do something about it. As we enter the second year of Province IV's new grant process for funding ministry initiatives we are encouraged and inspired by the innovative and collaborative proposals inspired, in part, by our presiding bishop, The Most Reverend Michael Curry:

“Now is our time to go. To go into the world to share the good news of God and Jesus Christ. To go into the world and help to be agents and instruments of God's reconciliation. To go into the world, let the world know that there is a God who loves us, a God who will not let us go, and that that love can set us all free. ***This is the Jesus Movement, and we are The Episcopal Church, the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in this world.***”

The Executive Committee of Province IV of The Episcopal Church is accepting grant requests for Episcopal initiatives that will increase collaboration among dioceses in efforts to promote the “Jesus Movement” throughout the province. Applicants may request grants up to \$20,000. An exceptionally powerful proposal could be awarded the full amount, but it is more likely that multiple proposals will be awarded lesser amounts. While the Executive Committee will consider all requests, special consideration will be given to grants pertaining to evangelism, care of creation and racial reconciliation.

Grant requests are to be no more than *two single-spaced typed pages* and must include:

- Short and long term objectives
- Relevant history
- Brief description of process of requesting input from communities for which this project is designed
- A full description of the project including the needs to be addressed, anticipated outcomes, measurements of success
- A detailed budget and a list of individuals (and their relationships to the dioceses) who will provide financial oversight
- Contact information for those who will be responsible for spearheading the initiative.
- Ministries may re-apply, but subsequent year funding is not guaranteed.

Grant requests are for 2017 and are **due no later than March 1, 2017**. Awards will be announced by March 31, 2017.

How to apply:

Applicants should email a PDF of the two page grant request together with a letter of support from the bishops of at least *two* dioceses in Province IV who support this initiative to pivadmin@icloud.com . Questions should be sent to Province IV Administrator Gene Willard at that same address, or to PIV President Angela Daniel at amdaniel@sc.rr.com.

As Bp. Curry has said: “Now is our time to go... into the world.” ***Be bold – and think BIG!***

Peace and blessings,
Province IV Executive Committee