



# Northern Illinois Synod

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## **Social Ministry Committee Grants**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Social Ministry Committee of the Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America wishes to thank you for this potential opportunity to be of Christian service through your congregation or group.

As a way of introduction, the Social Ministry Committee is a Northern Illinois Synod committee whose members, for the most part, are elected for three year terms on a staggered basis at each Synod Assembly. The following Mission Statement summarizes the function of the Committee:

To inspire and empower the people of the Northern Illinois Synod to Make Christ Known by expressing God's love through compassion, justice, and service.

Each year, the Committee is given funding (which varies in amount on a year-to-year basis) by the Synod for fulfilling the Committee's mission. This grant process is the Committee's way to make a best effort at getting this funding into the hands of congregations or groups where the funds can be converted into meaningful Christian expressions of compassion, justice, and service.

### **CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS**

When reviewing grant applications, the Committee looks for a project that:

- Addresses the social ministry priorities of the Northern Illinois Synod,
- Is related to a ministry of the Northern Illinois Synod (congregation / agency / institution),
- Has a sound Lutheran theological basis from concept through implementation,
- Does the best possible job of combining ministry, service, education, and advocacy to and for those in need,
- Focuses on empowering over maintaining,
- Shows a long-term impact on reducing or eliminating the primary need,
- Could become a model for others who wish to deal with reducing or eliminating the same need,
- Shows a broad range of sources of financial commitment to achieve the goal,
- Will be directed with sound financial care, and
- Will be summarized with proper documentation of expenditures, use of other resources, and goals achieved.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications can be submitted at any time, but the new budget year begins February 1. The potential exists for the funding to be completely allocated by late in the budget year. Complete the next two pages and submit the completed application to the address on the bottom of the second page of the application, or, submit through on-line: [nisynod.org/committees/social-ministry-committee-grants/](http://nisynod.org/committees/social-ministry-committee-grants/).

For those who can open a Microsoft Word document and are well versed with this program, feel free to delete the answer lines and type in your answers with the **bold** or underlining function on.



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## **Social Ministry Committee Grant Application Form**

Applications Received by December 1 or August 1 will be reviewed within about 60 days.

### **APPLICANT**

Name of Requesting Congregation or Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Position of Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Telephone Number & E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the NIS of the ELCA: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor/Group President/Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **GRANT PURPOSE**

1. What project will the money be used for? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What need is being met? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who will benefit? (Quantity & Description) \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many people will be involved in organizing and carrying out this project? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Approximately how many total hours will organizing and carrying out this project take? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What training do those carrying out the project have? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Is this a reoccurring expense? \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes", how often? \_\_\_\_\_ For how long? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes or No) (times per year) (years or "indefinitely")

8. How does this project further the Social Ministry of the Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA?  
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9. Attach a one-page (maximum) narrative describing this project and group.

