PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC
URBAN CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT FUND

"THE EARTH is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it."—Psalm 24:1

The Urban Church Redevelopment Fund (UCRF) is for congregations of the Presbytery of the Pacific who are seeking to enhance Christ's mission through new and innovative approaches to urban congregational development.

History
The UCRF was established in 1980 by the Presbytery of the Pacific for "the development or redevelopment of a Presbyterian presence in locations within the boundaries of the Presbytery." Having sought the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, the Presbytery of the Pacific (the Presbytery) created the UCRF out of the legacy derived from the dissolution of the congregation and the sale of the property of the former South Hollywood Presbyterian Church, which prophetically sums up the lesson that transformation, change and openness to diversity are essential to the Church's mission in the urban environment. The UCRF is administered through the Congregational Life Committee of the Presbytery.

Purpose
The purpose of the UCRF is to implement new approaches to congregational ministry and mission in the Presbytery. The Presbytery celebrates the opportunity to be in partnership with congregations of the Presbytery by providing grants for the short-term support of urban congregations, especially those which exist in older residential communities that are undergoing racial, ethnic, and/or socioeconomic transition. The Presbytery of the Pacific seeks to encourage congregations in their imaginations of new possibilities and, therefore, UCRF exists to fund projects that are not ordinarily funded through the regular Presbytery Mission Budget. UCRF does not fund projects that address capital needs.

The UCRF Grants Program
The Congregational Life Committee of the Presbytery may provide up to $20,000 for the support of congregational programs that are designed to redevelop or revitalize congregations at the committee's discretion. Ordinarily UCRF grants do not support salaries. However, the UCRF will support new program development in which salaries may be a part, as in cases where the congregation is expanding its ministry and in need of additional staff to support the project. A funded project may apply for continuation funding, but funding for a project will not exceed three (3) years and in diminishing amounts each year.

When greater requests are made than funds are available, congregations in communities that are undergoing racial, ethnic, and/or social-economic transitions will be preferred.

Applications are accepted throughout the calendar year

Eligibility Requirements
Projects seeking funding from the UCRF shall be committed to fulfilling the AAEEO policies of the Presbytery, if employing personnel, and committed to an annual self-evaluation with review by the Congregational Life Committee.

No project is too small for a grant request. Any Presbyterian (U.S.A.) congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery is eligible to apply each year for a UCRF grant.

If you have any questions about whether your congregation is eligible for this grant, please contact the Presbytery office before you submit an application.

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Application Procedures
Congregations apply for a UCRF grant by submitting an application that provides a statement of need and goals of the perceived project and the idea for a plan of action. This also includes basic financial information, realistic time line for funding, ordinarily not to exceed three (3) years.

Please submit your grant request by filling out an UCRF Grant Request Application form and send it to:

Congregational Life Committee
Presbytery of the Pacific
6323 West 80th Street
Los Angeles, California 90045

Project Evaluation
Submit a Project Evaluation form upon the completion of the project. If you are applying for continuation of the grant, the Project Evaluation form must accompany the grant application.

QUESTIONS? NEED MORE INFORMATION?
Please contact the Presbytery's website: pacificpresbytery.org; call (310) 670-5076, extension 102; email veronicas@pacificpresbytery.org; or write to the General Presbyter at the address below.

Grant Application Submission
Return the completed grant application, with attachments to:

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UCRF Grant Request Application

A. Church Information:

1. **Name of the Church:**_____
2. **Name of Project to be funded:** _____
3. **Starting Date of the Project** _____
4. **Amount requesting from UCRF** _____

B. Project Information:

1. **Please describe in detail the need(s) the project is addressing and how the goal(s) of the project fit(s) into the vision for the ministry and mission of the church.**

2. **Please describe in detail the plan of action to achieve the goal of the project including resources needed including staff.**

C. Project Budget

1. **Please provide a balanced budget for each year project funding is being requested listing all projected income including all funding sources and itemized listing of all types of expenses.**

2. **If your congregation is not awarded a UCRF grant, how will you proceed with the project?**

   Contact person of the project:

   Name: _____

   Daytime Phone: _____

   Evening Phone: _____

   E-Mail Address: _____

Please send UCRF Grand Application to:

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