

**SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT FUND REQUEST APPLICATION**  
**Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Applicant information**

Please provide all pertinent information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info: Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a staff member of Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church (Circle one):    Yes                  No

Is this project/course being used for Continuing Education Credits:    Yes                  No

Request is for: (circle one)    1. PROJECT support                  2. TUITION support

3. TRAVEL support                  4. NO ADDITIONAL support needed at this time (staff option)

A) Name of initiative you are participating in: \_\_\_\_\_

B) Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Internet address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

C) Contact Person (of sponsoring organization)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

D) Amount of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>For VB USE: Date received: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Date brought before VB: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Approved by VB: Yes or No If yes, what amount: _____</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">President/Pastor/Treasurer signature: _____</p> <p>Upon completion – a copy of this page only is put in the bookkeepers mailbox, along with a check request form.</p>
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## **Application Process and Information**

Please address the following ideas in your request. You may answer these questions just as they are written in a question/answer format—or you may submit a paragraph (or two) addressing the criteria. Essentially, this gives the Vision Board a clear picture of what you hope to do with the financial support. Furthermore, it gives the CRLC leadership team some idea how your experience will enhance your spiritual life and our ministry here at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church. With that in mind, please be prepared to share with the Vision Board, Staff, and/or Ministry Board ideas you have as to how you will share with the congregation about your initiative before and after your experience.

### **Context to your Request**

#### **A) Your Call**

1. Have you ever requested funds from this board?      Yes                      No

\* If yes, when and for which project?

2. Provide a statement indicating the general purpose for your need.
3. Briefly describe the organization's programs and activities you will be working with during the time you are requesting support.

#### **B). Financial Needs as You Walk Out Your Call**

1. What needs are being addressed if you receive funds?
2. How did this project originate with you?
3. What is the start date (and ending date) of this initiative for you?
4. At this point, how will the project's goals and objectives be achieved?
5. What are the activities you will be participating in while working within this initiative?
6. Is this a one-time event—or is a long-term commitment needed?

**C) Current CRLC Ministry Investment Commitment (Nurturing Our Financial Call at CRLC)**

1. Is there a budget for this in the current year mission investment plan?    Yes            No
  - If yes, will this request fit within the current budgeted amount? If not, how much beyond the current budget will this request require?
  
2. Is this request for more than one person?            Yes            No
  - If yes, who else will be supported by this request?
  
3. Has any specific fund raising been done for this initiative?    Yes            No
  - If yes, describe what fund raising has been done so far—as well as—the status of the funds that have been raised?
  
4. Are additional funds above the amount you raised being requested to meet the required amount for your initiative?                            Yes            No
  - If yes, discuss why these extra funds are needed.

**C). Spiritually (Enhancing, Caring For, and Letting Your Spiritual Life Take Flight)**

1. How will this initiative enhance your own spiritual growth?
2. How will this initiative serve Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, the wider Church, and the world?
3. How do you plan to express this spiritual growth from this experience? (a temple talk, a new dynamic to our worship, a Sunday School class, a coffee hour chat, etc.)

### *Funding Criteria*

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The initiatives that we support should reflect the purpose, mission, and vision statement of Christ Redeemer Lutheran Church.

**Our Purpose Statement:** *“Praising God, Serving Others”*

**Our Mission Statement:** To engage people in the ministries of worship, learning, witness and service that the Word of God in Jesus Christ may transform their daily lives.

**Our Vision Statement:** Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church is a congregation that draws people to the transforming love of Christ through opportunities for diverse worship and learning, spiritual growth, personal stewardship, and service to the community and the world.

**Our Core Values:**

- The experience of God’s grace present in the sacraments (touchable nature of God’s grace).
- Vibrant liturgical worship-centered in Word and Sacraments.
- Servant heart for ministry.
- Lifetime Christian Education.
- Ministry that is innovative and cooperative.
- Unity of the church catholic.
- Inviting attitude of grace.

**Other items to keep in mind:**

- a) Affirm the worldwide and ecumenical concern for justice, peace and the integrity of creation;
- b) Provide services and/or effective advocacy for under served and marginalized populations, including but not limited to:
  - those adversely affected by racism, homophobia, sexism, ageism
  - the chronically ill
  - women and children
  - the elderly
  - those suffering the consequences of ethnic violence
  - refugees and internally displaced persons
  - victims of natural disaster
  - prisoners
  - those experiencing the effects of economic hardship, e.g. hunger, homelessness;
- c) Be a blessing to the initiative and share the gospel—and grow spiritually— without regard to religious affiliation.

**Submission Guidelines:**

- a) Please submit your request electronically to the Vision Board president by the first of the month when a Vision Board will be held. [Currently, the Vision Board meets *January, March, May, July, September, November* on the second Tuesday of the month—immediately following the 24 Tuesday meeting.]
- b) All requests will then be reviewed by the current Vision Board and you will be contacted and given a date to attend the Vision Board meeting to discuss your initiative in a thoughtful and engaging manner, so the Vision Board may get a fuller picture of your initiative and discuss with your interest in securing financial support.
- c) The Vision Board will then reach a decision about your request.