

**Northern Illinois Synod**  
**Outreach Committee Grant Application**  
*(Applicant must be a congregation of the Northern Illinois Synod)*

**Deadlines for Grant Submissions**

February 28, May 31, August 31, November 30 (\$6,250 available per quarter)

**Grants may be used for:**

**Congregational Outreach Ministries:** Congregation-based evangelistic outreach ministries and discipleship led by lay leaders and pastor supported teams to engage and possibly worship with people outside the walls of the church. These are congregation-based and centered in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through intentional, invitational discipleship and/or outreach ministries located in congregations.

**Criteria:**

- Centered in Christ, actively engages in sharing the gospel through discipleship.
- Creates opportunities for prayer, praise, devotions, learning the Gospel.
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to lay leadership, with clergy support.
- Opens intentional opportunities for participants to give their testimonies, share learnings about the power of Jesus, and reflect on the Gospels together.
- Worship is encouraged but not required; if worship takes place, it is an extension of the congregation.
- When sacraments are shared, these are administered by coordination of host congregation. Record baptisms, funerals, weddings, confirmations, new members with this worshiping community.
- Encourages participants to live as evangelists.

**Examples:**

- Training and equipping people to be evangelists.
- Initiatives that encourage lay leaders to practice evangelism in their communities.
- Camp evangelism following the seasonal gatherings of people in your synod.
- Partnering to offer training in more languages and cultural contexts.
- Creating evangelism teams, working groups, and networks in your congregation.
- Expanding evangelical and spiritual ministries with people experiencing houselessness or scarce resources.
- Supporting congregations in reaching out with their lay leaders to be church with new circles of people.
- Starting regular Young Adult gatherings and ministries.
- Congregational work where lay members lead creative extensions of congregations to go to where people already love gathering in order to share the love and gospel of Jesus Christ in new contexts and circles.

**ALL ITEMS IN SECTION A, B, C must be filled out completely.**

**Section A:**

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requesting Agency/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Project Budget: *Please attach itemized budget or fill out section C*

**Section B: Project Narrative:**

Which category best defines your request? \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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How does this project enhance or support the mission of outreach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other sources of income that will support this project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attach or briefly explain a proposed timeline for project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section C:**

Estimated Project Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date(s) When Funds Are Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>Detail</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Requested From Outreach</b>	<b>Other Funding Sources (if applicable)</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>
<b>Total</b>				

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_