

# THE *Episcopal* CHURCH



MAY 22, 2016- TRINITY SUNDAY

## JUBILEE GRANTS

Jubilee Ministries, created by an act of General Convention in 1983, encourage a ministry of joint discipleship in Christ with poor and oppressed people, wherever they are found, to meet basic human needs and to build a just society. Now in their 33rd year, Jubilee Ministries seek to fulfill Christ's mandate found in the Gospel of Matthew—to provide for the hungry, drink for the thirsty, welcome for the stranger, clothing for the naked, healing for the sick, and companionship for the captive. Today, over 700 ministries across The Episcopal Church have achieved Jubilee status, as recognized by the Executive Council.



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Every year, The Episcopal Church provides grants to assist currently-designated Jubilee Ministries in their work. These grants are intended to help ministries in their mission to create a more just society and confront structures that promote cycles of poverty and inequality.

In *The Message*, a modern paraphrase of the New Testament, Eugene Peterson renders John 1:14 as, “The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.” In recognition that Jesus has indeed gone out before us, into our own neighborhoods, Jubilee Ministries is pleased to announce a request for grant proposals that will demonstrate the ways God is at work in our midst. Jubilee Grants are offered with the understanding that God came down in the person of Jesus, and in doing so, showed us the way to live: with loving concern for neighbors, with the knowledge that all are beloved, and with the assurance that we are to follow him in sure and certain hope. In following Jesus into the neighborhood, we strive to transform unjust structures of the world, as God reconciles us to himself and calls us to do the same for each other. This is at the heart of the Jesus Movement.

Successful applications will demonstrate sustainability, a commitment to working with and empowering God's people, localized understanding of the Jesus Movement, and the knowledge that the Spirit is, even now, at work reconciling us to God and to each other.

The 2016 Jubilee Grants will be awarded in two categories, totaling \$65,000. First, one “Jubilee Development Grant”, up to \$25,000, will be awarded to a new or existing ministry that can demonstrate a new or re-visioned strategy and methodology to address systemic issues affecting domestic economic poverty. This grant is intended to seed a sustainable program that makes a difference locally and can inspire others for similar work beyond itself.

The remaining \$40,000 will be awarded as “Jubilee Impact Grants”, in amounts totaling from \$750 to \$1,500. Impact Grants will be awarded for initiatives of Jubilee Centers that make a positive and measurable impact in the lives of those in need.

Applications, available at [https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/2016\\_jubilee\\_grants](https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/2016_jubilee_grants), must be submitted by 5pm Eastern on June 17, 2016. All currently-designated Jubilee Ministries are eligible. Proposals must be approved by the ministry's Bishop Diocesan and, if applicable, Diocesan Jubilee Officer.