



## 1001 NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES EXPERIMENT GRANT APPLICATION

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/Event Idea:

How is this idea...

- New?
  
- Worshiping?
  
- A Community?

If this ministry event is “successful,” what will that look like?

Grant amount requested (up to \$1000): \_\_\_\_\_

Follow-Up Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1001 NWC Working Group Liaison (assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

*Upon approval of the application, a liaison from our 1001 New Worshiping Community Working Group (NWCWG) will be assigned to support and be in contact with you. Please keep all receipts to submit to the NWCWG by the specified follow-up date. Thank you, and we are excited to partner with you on this journey!*

# WHAT IS A NEW WORSHIPING COMMUNITY?

The Presbyterian Mission Agency's 1001 New Worshiping Communities team defines a "**New Worshiping Community**" as:

## **New:**

- **Taking on varied forms of church for our changing culture**  
*Living out the gospel demands ministry that engages today's cultures (John 1:14). New ways of joining Christians together for contextual ministry will use current and historic ways of "being church" as springboards for creative innovation (Matt. 9:17).*
- **Seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ**  
*NWCs witness in word and deed (1 John 3:18), continuing Jesus' own mission of discipling, feeding, teaching, healing, welcoming, crossing boundaries and proclaiming God's coming realm. Those with new and renewed faith join the Spirit's transforming work in the world.*

## **Worshiping:**

- **Gathered by the Spirit to meet Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament**  
*We seek to hear, come to believe, and are equipped to live the promises of God revealed in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. NWCs welcome new members of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27) through baptism and are nourished by Christ's spiritual presence in the Lord's Supper.*
- **Sent by the Spirit to join God's mission for the transformation of the world**  
*The Spirit impels us outward, so that worshipers participate in the redemption of the world in Christ (Col. 1:20). Therefore, the primary beneficiaries of the NWC are not its own members, but rather its community and world.*

## **Community:**

- **Practicing mutual care and accountability**  
*We commit ourselves to love one another (John 13:34) in relationships of mutual care and accountability, as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Entrusting ourselves and the church to the Holy Spirit, we seek to grow to maturity in faith and life.*
- **Developing sustainability in leadership and finances**  
*As distinct yet connected expressions of the body of Christ, NWCs have local leadership arising from their own community of faith (Exod. 18:21). Pastoral leadership, facilities and programs are all appropriately structured to demonstrate good and faithful stewardship.*