

Evangelical Outreach & Congregational Mission Programs and Activities Categories

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220-110 Fast-Growth Grants

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Brief Description of Programs and Activities Categories

100-130 Authorized Worshiping Communities

Synod strategies may identify locations for approved worshiping communities in response to needs for local Lutheran worship. A small local group will be gathered to design an appropriate response to those needs. The local group shall be responsible for the costs.

220-110 Fast Growth Grants

This activity serves new congregations that have proven to be on a fast growth trajectory.

300-110 Ministry Adjustment

Ministry adjustments involve congregations that are ready, willing and able to make mid-course corrections in outreach ministry with short-term guidance and minimal outside financial support. Ministry adjustments can occur in a variety of rural, suburban or urban settings, and shall focus on making or keeping the congregation reflective of and responsive to its service area.

300-120 Transformation of Congregations

Congregations that intend to turn their ministry around by initiating change in its staff, operating procedure, program, and outreach may apply to become a Transformation Congregation.

300-130 Consolidations/Mergers/Relocations

This activity will assist congregations through the consolidation, merger or relocation process leading to the renewal of the congregation.

300-140 Synod Administration

This strategy takes seriously the need to develop a new culture for ministry. This strategy does not recommend closure of the congregation and a fresh start of a totally new community but rather sees the potential strength in the lay membership to warrant renewal of ministry

600-110 Strategic Synod Word & Sacrament

EOCM will use this activity to work in partnership with synods to support ministries of Word and Sacrament located in communities where financial self reliance of the congregation/ministry may not be possible.

600-120 Word and Service Ministry

This activity may support word and service ministries which reach out in service, support and with invitation to participation in the body of Christ with people living in poverty.