

Regional Hunger Projects Application

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Nickel A Meal Mission Program

INTRODUCTION

“ . . . as a matter of equality, your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want . . . ”

II Corinthians 8:13

The Presbytery of Western North Carolina seeks to be faithful to God's call to feed the hungry and speak up for the poor and needy in ways that range from providing direct aid to addressing the perceived causes of hunger. A specific response, though certainly not the only one, is Presbytery's commitment to the Nickel A Meal Mission Program.

Of the funds raised through Nickel A Meal, 55% will be directed to international programs and agencies approved by the Presbyterian Hunger Program, 40% will be disbursed to regional programs addressing the needs of people who are poor and hungry, and 5% will be available for educational and administrative costs of the program. The money will be used to both help those who are able toward self-sufficiency and provide those who are not able to be self-sufficient with basic necessities.

PROCEDURES (Approved 11/99)

1. Applicants must complete the attached application form.
2. Written endorsement of a local Presbyterian Church (USA) session must be on the application. **The Hunger Committee must be informed by the applicant for Nickel A Meal funds which Presbyterian church will be asked to endorse the agency's grant application so that a letter can be sent from Presbytery to the church clarifying the responsibility involved in endorsement.**
3. A current budget, an up-to-date financial report, and the most recent annual report must be included with the application. It is recommended that other pertinent information such as a mission statement, statement of goals and objectives, copies of recent publicity, a printed history and other materials to help the Hunger Committee understand your organization be included.
4. Two copies of the application must be received in the Presbytery office **no later than April 15** for consideration for mid-year funding (disbursed in July) and **no later than October 1** for year-end consideration (disbursed in January of following year).
5. After receipt of your application, at least one member of the Hunger Committee or the Presbytery Hunger Action Enabler will make arrangements to visit your agency prior to the next funding meeting of the Hunger Committee.
6. A representative of your agency must meet with the full Hunger Committee at its next funding meeting following receipt of your application.
7. The Hunger Committee will present funding recommendations for approval to the Coordinating Council of Presbytery.
8. Any Nickel A Meal money which remains unused within one year after date of receipt shall be returned to the Presbytery Nickel A Meal fund.
9. Each agency must complete an evaluation one year following receipt of a grant. (Evaluation forms will be mailed to agency shortly before they are due. No future applications will be considered unless the evaluation has been returned in a timely manner.)

4. Is development assistance offered? That is, do you have programs which empower people to become more self-sufficient? What kinds of assistance?
5. What are some of the specific factors in your area resulting in poverty and hunger? What are the demographics of the public you serve? What is the future prognosis for hunger needs?
6. Is this a new project, an expansion of an existing one, an emergency situation, or continuation of an ongoing program?
7. Describe your organizational structure, including staffing (paid and volunteer) and who approves disbursement of funds.

C. FINANCES

1. Submit proposed budget and current annual budget.
2. List main sources and amounts of income to date and projected sources of income for the current year and beyond.
3. If granted, what will the Nickel A Meal money be used for specifically? How will the program be affected if the grant is not made?
4. What amount of money is being requested from the Nickel A Meal Mission Program?

One year from receipt of a Nickel A Meal grant, each agency is required by Presbytery to complete a report including how the money was spent. Therefore, please keep a copy of this application and appropriate data for this purpose. No future applications will be considered if such a report has not been made.

D. ENDORSEMENT OF LOCAL PC(USA) SESSION

Describe how your congregation is involved with this project.

Project name: _____

Approved by the Session of the _____ Presbyterian Church of _____, North Carolina on _____, 20_____.

Signed: _____
(Clerk of Session or Pastor)

Mail to:

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Enclosures:

- Budget (current and proposed)
- Annual report
- Mission/philosophical statement
- Goals and objectives statement
- Other