

STL SPECIAL PROJECTS / NEW CHURCH GRANT APPLICATION FOR SPEED THE LIGHT ASSISTANCE



ALL QUESTIONS MARKED WITH AN * ARE REQUIRED.
APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED IF NOT COMPLETED IN FULL.

*Name of New Church: _____ *Account Number: _____

*Church Address: _____

Date church began: _____ Population of area the church will serve: _____

Current attendance: _____ Where is the church congregation meeting? _____

To whom is new church property deeded? _____

*Name of Pastor: _____ *Phone number: _____

*E-mail address: _____

POLICY: It is understood that any new church receiving Speed the Light assistance must contribute to Speed the Light through their district. **I understand the above stated policy and agree to abide by such.**

*DATE: _____ *PASTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

The one-time \$3,500 grant provided by STL can be applied toward the cost of the following equipment.
Any cost over the \$3,500 is the responsibility of the new church.

Video Projectors Screens Sound System Character Generator Audio/Visual Duplicators

DISTRICT APPROVAL—INCLUDING PLEDGING OF FUNDS: **\$3,500**

*District Name: _____

*District Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

*District Youth Director: _____ Date: _____

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS: _____

SPEED THE LIGHT SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE APPROVAL Date: _____

STL Policy—New Church Evangelism Grant



A one-time New Church Evangelism Grant of \$3,500 is available from Speed the Light. (*Policy revision and grant amount increase approved December 19, 2006. Effective January 1, 2007.*)

Due to the development of A/G Church Multiplication Network separate from AGUSM, and in keeping with the character and purpose of the Special Projects Committee, which oversees STL equipment approved to entities not directly accountable to AGWM or AGUSM, STL New Church Grant requests shall now be processed and reviewed through the STL Special Projects Committee. (*Effective January 1, 2011.*)

Qualifications

When a new A/G church applies for New Church Evangelism Grant, the following qualifications must be met:

- The church has the approval of the district presbytery or district U.S. Missions board and a "New Church Opening" report is filed with the general secretary's office.
- The New Church Evangelism Grant Application is filed with the District Office within 24 months of the filing of the "New Church Opening" report.
- The Planting pastor should have a plan for a startup date and location of such.
- The church has a nucleus of people whose intent and purpose is to establish an Assemblies of God church.
- All property, if purchased, should be owned by the church, titled in the name of the church or the district.
- The church must have a qualified pastor approved by the district.
- The church should contribute to Speed the Light as a part of its annual missions budget.
- Equipment is owned by the church as long as it is in existence. If the church closes all equipment should be returned to the district office (district youth department or DYD).

Communication Equipment

All requests for Speed the Light equipment will be for evangelism and limited to communication.

This can be multimedia equipment which includes:

- Video projectors
- Screens
- Portable sound systems
- Audio/Visual duplicators
- Character Generators (software not included)

Parent Affiliate Churches (PACs)

Parent Affiliate Churches are now eligible for a STL New Church Grant. (*Policy revision approved effective January 1, 2011.*) Committee approval given providing these additional criteria are met:

- The PAC must be in good standing with the district office.
- By accepting STL assistance, the PAC commits to give no less than \$3,500 back to STL within the next 2 years so that those funds can be reinvested in futures PACs, missionary vehicle and equipment needs, etc.

Procedures for Processing the New Church Grant



RESPONSIBILITY OF DISTRICT YOUTH MINISTRIES

- The **District Youth Director** will obtain all necessary information and signatures on the New Church Grant Application.
- The district completing the application is responsible for providing the needed funds.
- The completed application form should be mailed, faxed, or sent by e-mail to Speed the Light.

RESPONSIBILITY OF SPEED THE LIGHT

- STL will present the application to the STL Special Projects Committee for approval.
- STL will notify the new church if the request has been approved.
- STL will notify the district if the request is deferred or disapproved.

Once approved, STL will send an initial e-mail to the new church notifying the pastor and congregation of the approval of the grant. A subsequent e-mail will be sent when funding is available, detailing the necessary steps for purchase of the equipment. A copy of the communication will be sent to the District Youth Director. It may take up to two years for funding to become available.

- The district can purchase the equipment and present the equipment to the church. The district will be reimbursed when receipts are provided to the STL office.
- The church can purchase equipment locally. Copies of receipts need to be sent to STL by fax or e-mail with a report on what was purchased and the total cost. The check for the appropriate amount will be issued...payable to the church.
- The church can contact the recommended STL vendor and order the needed equipment. The vendor will ship the equipment to the church but send the invoice to STL for payment directly to the vendor.

Send completed application form to one of the following addresses:

**SPEED THE LIGHT
1445 N. BOONVILLE AVENUE
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65802**

FAX: (417) 862-1693

E-mail: stl@ag.org