



DIOCESE of
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Dear clergy and lay leaders of the Diocese of Christ Our Hope,

Greetings from the Diocesan Council and from Bp. Steve Breedlove, Chairman! We are honored to serve you and the staff of our diocese. We thank the Lord for your faithfulness in ministry during the myriad challenges of 2020, and we await with expectation the Lord's leading in 2021.

Enclosed you will find the Customary and application form which guide our Ministry Partnership Proposal (MPP) process. Please read the Customary in its entirety before you begin your application, as it contains detailed information on each type of request the Diocesan Council will be considering and has changed slightly from previous years. The application itself is submitted through a Google form with specific supplemental materials requested for each type of proposal. All relevant details can be found in the Application Instructions. Please keep in mind the following:

- **DEADLINES:** Because of the volume of applications and our commitment to a thorough and prayerful review process we must adhere to the deadlines listed in the application form. Needs that arise after the deadline has passed should be submitted as an MPP in the next funding year.
- **DEANERIES:** As our diocesan life will be organized around Deaneries instead of Regions beginning in 2021, the MPP process has been updated to reflect this change. All MPPs must be presented for peer review and feedback at the applicant's first quarter Deanery Gathering. The Diocesan Council will not consider applications that have not been presented at a Deanery Gathering.
- **PROJECTS:** The MPP process is designed to fund new mission initiatives. We are excited to partner with you as you initiate ministries that lead to gospel proclamation, discipleship and growth of new people within your church. This can include a variety of projects from program expansion to land or building upfitting; however, MPPs are not designed to fund recurring, regular expenses of your existing ministry.
- **PEOPLE:** MPP funds can be used for curacies and new staff positions, provided that the aim of the staff member is expanding the mission and outreach capacity of your church. If you need an additional staff member to relieve areas of the current pastoral workload, please seek other means of funding.
- The customary maximum length of funding for an MPP is three years.



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We believe that the churches within the Diocese of Christ our Hope have received a charge from the Lord of aggressive, high risk mission expansion. We pray that 2021 will be a year in which our existing parishes are strengthened, new churches are planted, and the Good News is boldly proclaimed.

It is a privilege to serve our churches through the MPP process, and we look forward to receiving your applications.

In Christ,
Bp. Steve Breedlove, Chairman, Diocesan Council
Jessica Patton, Vice Chair, Diocesan Council

Questions? Please Contact Canon Ben Bowman (bbowman@adhope.org).