



Remain Episcopal in the Diocese of San Joaquin The Episcopal Church

Program of Support for Faith Communities 2008

General Overview

It is the goal of Remain Episcopal to support the reconciliation of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin. Two objectives of that goal are: a) To support and encourage welcoming communities of faith throughout the diocese, and b) To support activities such as rebuilding and planting congregations, education on the Episcopal ethos, and sharing faith stories. To support the loyal Episcopal faith communities in the Diocese of San Joaquin, Remain Episcopal has developed a support request process. The needs of many faith communities must be considered; all requests will receive prompt and careful consideration.

Eligibility Criteria

Grants of money will be made to Episcopal faith groups within the Diocese of San Joaquin who are meeting together with regularity for any of the services of the Episcopal Church that are included in the 1976 Episcopal Church Book of Common Prayer. Groups who make requests should each have a spokesperson who is able to represent the group, and who will be accountable for the expenditure of the money in accordance with the stated request. Groups should not request expenditures for material items (liturgical supplies) that have been donated and are already available for distribution.

Funding Purposes

Episcopal faith groups may have many possible needs during this period of transition in the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin. We expect requests for funds that will enable efforts to reach out to people in particular areas in the Episcopal spirit of welcoming all into your group. We expect requests for purposes that are in the spirit of reconciliation. Examples of requests include:

- ❖ Newspaper advertisements or for postage
- ❖ Episcopal educational materials for children and/or adults
- ❖ Worship materials, including those for special services
- ❖ Special events to promote your faith community

Funding Process

Funding requests will be accepted at any time during 2008, subject to funds available. Requests are accepted only using the form on the page following. Requests that are granted will be forwarded to the group immediately. Because there is a limited amount of money available, no group will receive more than \$1,000.00, and it is expected that most of the requests would be for less money than that. Groups may request an amount of money now, and make a second request at a later date as new needs arise and new plans are formulated. However, each group is limited to \$1,000.00 during the year of 2008.

All grant recipients are expected to send a brief written report to Remain Episcopal Funding Committee within one month of receipt of funds. There is no form for this report, but we would like to know the impact of the gift. No further funds may be requested until this report has been received and reviewed.

Groups are asked to fill out the provided application form with the signature of the person in the group who will be accountable for the use of the funds. Applications are to be submitted to Remain Episcopal, and may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the address listed below. The application will be reviewed by the Rev. Keith Axberg, Richard Jennings, and Beryl Simkins, members of the Executive Committee who have been designated by Remain Episcopal to authorize expenditures of the available funds. If a group is requesting funds that will be needed periodically, it is expected that one application will be made for the total amount; funds may be distributed in increments, as determined by the review committee.

Remain Episcopal reserves the right to refuse an application. Possible reasons for rejection include requests for more money than the amount that may be allotted to an individual group, and requests that are inconsistent with the stated goals of Remain Episcopal. If a request is denied, groups may submit a written request for reconsideration to the Remain Episcopal Executive Committee, who will have the right to approve or disapprove the appeal. No further appeal is available.

Submitting your application

Mail completed application to:

Remain Episcopal
Support Request
2067 W. Alluvial
Fresno, CA 93711

Or email to bjsim@caltel.com. For questions, contact Beryl Simkins at 209.785.1373.

