



SUSTAINING VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT
Application for:
? **IMMERSIONS**
? **COMPETITIVE MINI-GRANTS**

Application Guidelines

1. The application should be submitted by mail in one package containing the application form and all supporting documents.
2. First application deadline is February 10, 2007; response by March 5, 2007.
3. Second application deadline is April 15, 2007; response by May 5, 2007.

A completed application includes

- ___ Application form
- ___ Resume
- ___ Three-page personal essay
- ___ Academic Letter of Reference with signed waiver form
- ___ Ministry Letter of Reference with signed waiver form
- ___ Description of the project signed by student, pastor, and Congregation Council representative.

Age

Applicants must be no younger than 18 years of age and no older than 30 years of age on May 31, 2007.

Resume

Resume should be no longer than two pages. Please highlight leadership activities outside of church as well as campus ministry and church leadership activities.

Personal Essay

Each applicant must write an essay, double spaced and no longer than three pages, in which the applicant discusses his or her core theological commitments and the ways in which they shape his or her exploration of vocation.

Letters of Reference

Two letters of reference, together with the waiver form are required. One letter should be written by a professor or administrator assessing the applicant's leadership capabilities. The other letter should be written by a pastor or religious figure assessing the applicant's gifts and aptitude for ministry. *In both cases, the most helpful letters avoid restating information about the applicant provided in the resume or essay and offer unique insight into the applicant's capacities. An applicant will be best served by asking for references from persons who know him or her well and are able to speak with particularity about the applicant's gifts and graces. Letters of reference from relatives of the applicant's family are not acceptable.* Each letter should be enclosed in a sealed and signed envelope to be submitted by the applicant.

Terms of the Sustaining Vocational Discernment Grants

- ? **Immersion and Competitive Mini-Grants:**
Participants and pastors of the congregations in which the Immersion takes place will be expected to attend an orientation event, May 22-24, 2007, at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA.
- ? **Immersion and Competitive Mini-Grants:**
Participants will agree to abide by the ELCA's Visions and Expectations statement for Associates in Ministry (see the LEADERS tab of the Project Connect website).
- ? **Competitive Mini-Grants:**
Recipients will be expected to attend the Annual meeting of Connect Partners, April 16-18, 2008.

Notification Date

Project Connect will mail notification to applicants who meet the February 10, 2007, deadline by March 5, 2007; notification will be sent to applicants meeting the April 15, 2007, deadline by May 5, 2007.

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