

Application Process

1. Projects need to be in keeping with the overall vision and purpose of the New Growth Fund.
2. Local churches will be expected to make a reasonable financial contribution and are encouraged to seek other possible sources of funding.
3. The Application Form should be completed together with details of the project, including:
 - a budget showing both proposed costs and any anticipated income
 - a copy of the latest church accounts
3. The completed Application Form, along with any back up material, should be sent to the NGF Secretary.
4. The NGF Secretary will forward your Application onto the Synod/United Area Leader and Treasurer for comment.
5. The NGF Committee will meet twice a year to consider applications.
6. You will normally be notified of the result shortly after the meeting.

Reporting

1. Within one year of a grant being taken up, a report should be submitted by the local church or group of churches to the New Growth Fund Committee Secretary, indicating how the project is going and how the grant has been spent.
2. It is encouraged that the local church or group of churches share the report with their local Synod/United Area.

Application Forms and Information

Electronic versions of the application forms for a New Growth Fund grant are available on the Synod website www.urcsouthern.org.uk and you are encouraged to send your applications via email wherever possible to: Lauren Kane, Southern Synod Office, East Croydon, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon, CR0 5LP
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New Growth Fund

Southern Synod

(URC Southern Synod Trust Ltd)



Introduction:

The Church exists by mission as fire exists by burning

Emil Brunner

One reason the Southern Synod exists is to promote evangelism and mission. One of its basic constitutional tasks is 'to take such action as it deems conducive to the propagation of the gospel at home and abroad'.

Jesus said (Matthew 28:19-20) *'Go therefore to all nations and make them my disciples, baptise them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to observe everything I have commanded you—and I shall be with you always to the very end of time.'*

The New Growth Fund's Vision is to:

Encourage local churches or groups of churches in the Southern Synod to embark upon mission projects. It does this by funding projects which enable them to live out the five marks of mission:

1. To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain and renew the life of the world.

Please make sure that your application will meet at least two of these marks of mission. It would be expected that "marks of mission" 1 and 2 would be addressed plus any of the others.

The New Growth Fund's Purpose is to:

The New Growth Fund (NGF) is a resource to promote projects that foster new growth by:

- Providing financial resources
- Supporting initiatives by local churches or groups of churches
- Encouraging innovation
- By giving priority to churches that have had no NGF funding
- By prioritising churches which have little or no reserves

Grants are limited to a maximum of £5,000 and the Committee will normally expect a reasonable proportion of the total project cost to come from local sources. Normally only one grant will be approved for each project.

For further information contact the
Convener of the New Growth Fund Committee, see website for details:
www.southernsynodurc.org.uk/new-growth-fund