**STRATEGIC MISSION FUND**

**United Reformed Church (Southern Synod) Trust Ltd**

**Initial application for financial assistance**

**(Please send as E-Mail attachment if possible)**

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| 1.Church name:  Contact:  Name    Email    Phone/mobile |

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| 2. Description of project (additional information can be provided on a separate sheet) |
| Estimated total cost of project: |

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| 3. How would this fit in with the church’s mission criteria and benefit the local community? |

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| 4a. With which Synod staff members have you discussed this project?  4b. ‘Does this project involve building work e.g. fittings to church building (internal or External) Yes/No  If Yes, have you spoken to the Synod Property Officer Yes/No  If your project does involve property, you will need to contact the Synod Property Officer before proceeding with the application. |

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| 5. There are three prerequisites for considering applications:   1. Is the church up to date with its M&M contributions? Yes/No 2. Has a copy of last year’s accounts been sent to the Synod Office? Yes/No 3. Has the Annual Return for last year been sent to the Synod Office? Yes/No   If the answers to these three questions are all “Yes”, what are you requesting?  Loan: £ One-off Grant: £  **OR** Grant for a period of years: £……pa for ……. years  Where are the remaining funds needed for the project coming from?  If a loan was given, how would you raise the funds necessary for repayment?  Please attach a copy of your latest accounts to any application. |

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| 6. Is your church within a Local Ecumenical Partnership? Yes/No  If “Yes”, what discussions have you had about funding this project with partner denominations? |

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| 7. Resolution of Church Meeting (please supply the text):  Held on (date):  **Number of members on roll:**   **Number at Church Meeting:**  **Voting at the meeting:      For:**  **Against:** **Abstained:**  **Please note that,** if a grant is not claimed within 12 months, a renewed application, endorsed by a new church meeting which has prayerfully considered any changes in the needs for the grant, will be required.  **Please also note that,** normally, the Panel would expect to see local churches/mission agencies using this fund to pump prime initiatives which, after a period of time, and from their giving, become the full financial responsibility of the local churches/mission agencies concerned. |

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| 8. Submitted by: Date:  Office held: |

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| 9. Please submit to the secretary of the Strategic Mission Fund  Rev Wendy Swan, [wendyaswan@hotmail.com](mailto:wendyaswan@hotmail.com) |

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