**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/NoIf 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 ……. yearsWhere 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/NoIf “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 acting secretary of the Strategic Mission FundTom Hackett: cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk |

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