

## **Lower Susquehanna Synod Healing Justice Fund Application**

*Please apply for a grant to help support ministries and programs for people who are underrepresented or those who have been hurt or harmed by the church. A congregation, organization, or individual may apply. Funds awarded to individual applicants will be applied to reimbursement of actual expenses incurred (keep receipts) or paid directly to third parties.*

Date of Application:

Name of Applicant or Ministry:

Name and address of Applicant or Ministry:

Name and position of person submitting this application:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Total funds you are requesting:

Summarize the purpose for which you are requesting funds.

How will you use the funds you are requesting to support this ministry?

How will these funds be used toward the mission of this fund?

If you are applying for a program, you will be asked to report on the use of the grant after 2 months. Do you agree to providing such a report?

If you are applying for direct payment to 3<sup>rd</sup> party for reimbursement, have you attached the invoice or receipts?

## **Lower Susquehanna Synod Healing Justice Fund Policy**

*The Lower Susquehanna Synod Healing Justice Fund seeks to encourage the relationships within the Lower Susquehanna Synod by providing financial support to those who are underrepresented in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and/or those who have been hurt or harmed by the church.*

*As a synod focused on building relationships and growing a healthy church equipped to reach all people, this fund solidifies and embodies our commitment to celebrate diversity, restore equity, and promote inclusion of people including, but not limited to those who have experienced injustice on account of race, disability, LGBTQIA+ status, or immigration status.*

*The LSS Healing Justice Fund Committee shall oversee the LSS Healing Justice Fund. The Committee shall be composed of at least 7 persons: the Assistant to the Bishop for Justice Ministries and 6 members, a majority of whom come from marginalized communities, to be appointed by the Synod Council. Members of this committee will serve for a term of 3 years. Nominations shall come from diverse populations. The fund, established by the Synod Council, shall be supported by gifts, bequests, trusts, endowments, planned and deferred gifts. The committee, Synod Council, and bishop shall promote and encourage such gifts. The assets of the funds shall be invested in a manner consistent with the purpose of the fund.*

*Expenditures from the fund will be made on the basis of rolling grant applications to the committee. Expenditures from the fund up to \$1,000 may be made by the discretion of the Assistant to the Bishop for Justice ministries and the Chair of the Committee per applicant per calendar year. Other expenditures from the fund may be made by majority action of the LSS Healing Justice Fund Committee.*

*November 20, 2021*