

# All Things New-Equipping Vital Congregations Leadership Funding Request Form

It is the premise of *All Things New* that the desired cultural change through these two invitations is best accomplished through an investment in equipping clergy and lay leadership. There are two invitations in *All Things New* that seek to facilitate this culture shift:

- 1) *An Invitation to Plant* is composed of 6 Action Steps designed to begin 250 new faith communities in 30 years. The desired culture shifts are incorporated within the parameters of this invitation through:
  - a) The understanding that new faith communities will be established through conference initiative
  - b) By resourcing existing churches that wish to multiply through the establishment of new faith communities.
  
- 2) *An Invitation to Harvest* is composed of 4 Action Steps designed to strengthen and renew the ministries of the existing congregations of the conference. The goal of *An Invitation to Harvest* is to assist local church, district, and conference leadership to transition from multiple visions for ministry to one vision for transformation, The desired culture shifts are incorporated within the parameters of this invitation through:
  - a) Leadership training
  - b) Support for existing churches that desire and make a commitment to become renewed faith communities and by aligning resources to:
    - c) Equip existing churches that wish to become renewed faith communities
    - d) Equip the current conference infrastructure to work jointly toward the goal of transforming the Virginia Conference to a culture of fruitfulness

Funds raised through the All Things New capital campaign are to be used to support the planting and harvesting ministries of All Things New.

Ministries seeking funds from ATN are asked to prayerfully discern how their proposed project or program supports the above stated goals and values of the invitation to harvest.

Projects should clearly show how they will contribute to a culture of fruitfulness and equip leaders in our conference. The following questions should be answered thoroughly and thoughtfully.

1. Who is to be equipped?
2. What are the goals of this equipping ministry? Tell us about the demographic make up of your community and how your goals and strategy will impact your community?
3. How is this goal to be achieved? (Who is leading training, training methods to be used, where is the training to be held)
4. Does this leadership program meet a need that is not already being met?
5. What is the projected impact? How will you know this impact has been achieved?
6. The Virginia Conference is a diverse conference with many people groups, ethnic groups, generations, etc. Not all training needs to be all things to all people, however, what attention has been given to being inclusive?
7. Please explain how this initiative will help our Conference live out the two fold nature of the All Things New strategy to plant new faith communities and revitalize existing churches through an investment in leadership development.
8. What is your church/group/committee/team contributing to this project? What is your monetary contribution?
9. What groups and people have been a partner in this effort? What other sources of funding have been sought? secured? (ie: Ministerial Education Fund where applicable)
10. If this program is to be an on-going program, what are your plans to secure on-going funding?
11. How much funding are you requesting? What are the funds to be used for? Please attach a budget, position description (if applicable), and letter of support from the District Superintendent.

*Monies granted by the Church Development Team (CDT) come from the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The CDT has covenanted to spend these funds per the recommendations of the All Things New Document. By submitting this application for conference funds, you reaffirm your commitment to and covenant with the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.*