**APPLICATION**

**BCNW CLASSICAL MINISTRY SHARE PARTNERSHIP REQUEST**

As each classically supported ministry develops its annual budget, a key component is reviewing projected income and expenses. The Partnership Request is applicable:

* 1. Once every 3 years when each supported ministry reviews its previous level of classis financial support and requests new financial support.
	2. When a new ministry requests that classis partner with them through prayer and financial support.

The Partnership Request Application is to be submitted to the Classical Ministries Committee (CMC), after which the CMC will meet with each ministry committee or board either face-to-face or via video conferencing. The purpose is to have an open conversation that results in a funding agreement which is collaborative and cooperative.

*Note: Partnership Requests must be submitted in the spring in order to give the CMC sufficient time to present their recommendation to classis in October.*

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Ministry Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. State your annual funding request for the next three years.
2. Share a concise summary of the ministry’s operation:
	1. What are you celebrating in this ministry?
	2. What has caused you concern?
	3. What challenges are you facing as you continue?
3. Review ministry goals
4. What are your ministry goals?
5. How were the goals met or not met in the past few years?
6. What adjustments (if any) are deemed necessary going forward in light of the Spirit’s leadership, cultural shifts, and measurable results?
7. Review the latest budget and a summary budget overview of the previous 2 years. Please attach a copy of these documents to your application.
	1. What has been your biggest financial surprise and challenge?
	2. Share some planned initiatives to increase funding from various sources.
	3. What would you do if you had more funding?
8. Review how the ministry continues to align with the mission and values of Classis BCNW (see below for Classis Mission and Values)
	1. What value(s) is/are most alive in your particular ministry?
	2. Which value do you find most challenging in your ministry?
9. Besides funding, what other assistance can Classis BCNW provide to this ministry?

**THE MISSION AND VALUES OF CLASSIS BCNW**

**Our Mission**

Classis BCNW exists to encourage, equip, and empower congregations and ministries to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and seek first God's Kingdom.

 **The Values that Shape our Work, Witness, and Life Together**

* Prayerful Dependence on God: Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we trust God to lead and provide for us as we engage in ministry together.
* Authentic Community: Intentionally sharing life and story, we build each other up and encourage one another to live lives worthy of the calling we’ve received.
* Disciples Making New Disciples: Recognizing that the church’s main calling is to make disciples of Jesus, we encourage one another, our congregations, and the ministries we represent to be faithful to God’s mission and creative in living it out
* Leadership Development: Through funding, training and support, we develop, commission, and equip new and existing leaders.
* Covenantal Relationships: Committing ourselves to each other as God has committed himself to us, we support the work of classis and the ministry of the CRCNA.