## FL-GA District Mission Grant Application

***Jesus said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37***

The purpose of this application is to gather information from you that will help us determine how best to use the resources God has provided for us to carry out His mission

* Executive Summary
  + Describe the ministry or mission you are seeking funding for. We are seeking funding for University Lutheran's campus ministry outreach to Florida State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and Tallahassee Community College.
  + What are your action goals for the next year? Action goals for 2014 are: 1. Engage at least 40% of the congregation in specific service to our neighbors, especially on campus. 2. Utilize the Lutheran Campus Initiative Missionary program to host an intern campus worker at University Lutheran who will learn campus ministry skills and use those skills in the contexts of Florida State University, Florida A&M University, and Tallahassee Community College.
  + How much money do you need? $21000.00
  + Will you need more dollars in subsequent years? We do anticipate asking for a grant in years to come, however, we do not anticipate this grant to be for more dollars.

**Culture of Outreach**

How many of the following milestones occurred in your ministry this past year?

* Number of Baptisms 2
* Number of Confirmations
  + Adult 3
  + Jr. 0
  + Professions of Faith 6
* How are you modeling a new culture for outreach in your congregation? Our "annual focus" - "I Love U" (annual focus is an intentional congregation-wide focus on a verse of Scripture through which we see our mission and ministry) is based on John 13:35, "By this all the world will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." This annual focus seeks to display our discipleship under Jesus by loving one another within our congregation creating an environment that will appear attractive because the love between members will be obviously beyond the norm of American cultural "church attendance". Additionally, in this annual focus we see Christ calling us to love the "one another" who is not yet a part of our church community and we have plans for demonstrable ways to show our love for the "one another" who is outside of our community at this time.
* Describe your Congregational Outreach Plan. Our Congregational Outreach plan begins in the Fall Semester, as this is the "beginning of the year" in campus communities. In the summer before the Fall Semester we receive names of potential Lutheran students as given to us as a part of the Interfaith Council of Florida State University. The remainder of the summer and up to 40 days into the first semester we spend most of our energies in reaching these students through events: lunches, on campus and off campus Bible studies and gatherings, as well as coordinated efforts to produce large events such as festivals. We reconize that most of our effective evangelistic work is done with the students that we are already discipling with their non-churched friends but at the beginning of the year that these events help to provide a suitable environment for those who have some churched background. When we meet the end of the first 40 days of the Fall Semester, our Outreach plan changes slightly as studies have shown that student habits are set within 40 days of the beginning of first semester. At this point, we pull away from event-based outreaches as it is very difficult to get anyone to attend. Rather, this gives our students an opportunity to focus on personal relationships that they have with their unchurched friends in an environment outside of a typical "church" environment until an invitation is deemed appropriate. Lutheran students gained in phase 1 (first 40 days) are then put into discipleship huddles in order to further train them to spread and be shaped by the Gospel. This shaping and forming continues on throughout the Spring semester with smaller numerical gains in terms of membership, but larger gains in terms of both churched and non-churched students coming to greater clarity about who their God is and their identity in His grace. // Additionally this year, we will be launching a new missional community outreach to the "College Town" development near University Lutheran (three blocks away) which some 600 residences mostly for recent college graduates and young professionals. The goal of this missional community will be to spend time in and become a part of of the community of "College Town" for the purposes of speaking the Gospel to them and inviting them to become a part of University Lutheran. // Lastly, our congregation will be purposefully seeking to serve the neighbors of current members through the identification of skills that we have within the congregation (lawyers, woodworkers, etc) and matching those skills with needs in our neighborhoods so that we might be known in our neighborhoods as "those people that go to that church where people care enough to help the neighbors of their church members."

**Consistent Follow Up**

* Do you have a prospect list? Yes, subdivided into four subcategories: Students, New Move Ins, Neighbors of Church Members, and "Previous Visitors Not Fully Connected"
* How many people are on your prospect list and how do you work the list? This depends upon the quarter, however most of the time we have from 150 to 200 people on our prospect list. We work the list by making sure that every person on the list is contacted at least once a quarter depending on how appropriate that might be for their particular situation. For example, most students are contacted at least every 3 weeks. Neighbors of Church Members are contacted only quarterly, however.
* How many confirmation classes have you scheduled this year? We are encouraging confirmation "classes" and discussions of catechetical material to be done by the "head of household" in the situation of junior confirmation. Adult confirmation is consistently done on a one-on-one basis with someone who is mature in their faith and might be considered a spiritual "head of household," this may be the pastor, an elder, or the leader of a missional community. The pastor will lead monthly training sessions on catechetical instruction. Rather than having classes scheduled, we have a goal of there being at least 8 catechetical instructions happening (junior and adult).

**Community Connection**

* What has your church done to connect or develop a relationship with your community this year? This past year we have not done much. We actually isolated this fact in our strategic planning for this coming year. This coming year we will be developing relationships in the following ways: 1. Planned service events and regular service projects especially within the College Town community 2. Relationship building with leaders at Florida State University and in the College Town community. 3. Purposeful service to the neighbors of our church members.
* What needs have you identified that exist in your community and how will you and your church work to meet at least one of these needs? The greatest felt need on a college campus is "community" that alleviates a sense of being anonymous and alone on campus and in a strange world. When we conducted a poll of FSU students, this was a "felt need" that was selected by over 90% of respondents far above money/financial issues which was selected by only 40%. This is a difficult and nuanced need to address. We are seeking to meet this need through the many relationship-based activities of the church on campus and off. // We also see a need that is much more tangible and easier to address in that many students and people around our church property do not know how to take care of their apartments and/or cars. We are seeking to provide help and training in these simple tasks. // We are seeking out what the needs of the neighbors of our church members are by having our church members seek to find ways to serve their neighbors.

**Funding the Mission**

* Submit a projected budget for all years that you are requesting funding. Your budget should include all sources of income and major expenses such as; salary and facility costs (mortgage/rent/utilities). Include income from local churches or circuits and any grant. If the ministry existed last year, please submit last year’s budget, income and expense report.
* Describe your Stewardship program or campaign that you will have in place for this program or congregation. We are very excited that this year we will be addressing Stewardship in our early summer preaching series, "The Love of Money" (all of our other series will somehow involve "Love" in the title since our annual focus is "I Love U"). We have not traditionally run a traditional "stewardship program" but we are interested in how this will be received by our members.
* Stewardship pledge of District Support and partnership in gospel proclamation. (see next page)
* What is your plan to become self-supporting At this juncture, University Lutheran does not seek to become necessarily "self-supporting". We believe that we could become self-supporting, but that this might actually work against the work of the District in that we would be asking for gifts to be given to us which are normally given to the District and then distributed to all of the mission grant congregations. We would, however, be interested in discussions about how our alumni and parent base might be asked to invest in the work of the District.

Contact Doug Kallesen for further information at [dkallesen@flgadistrict.org](mailto:dkallesen@flgadistrict.org) or 407.857.5556

**2014 Estimate of Giving Form**

**Stewardship Pledge**

**God’s Plan for Your Life**

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

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University Lutheran congregation of Tallahassee, FL , in thankfulness to God for His grace and blessing, and in partnership and

(congregation name) (congregation city, state)

support of our District, pledges to support the Ministries of the Florida-Georgia District and the Synod for 2013 or for fiscal year ending      .

We are pledging       % of actual annual income. To assist the District in planning and budgeting,

we estimate the annual dollar amount likely to result from our percentage pledge to be $

***-OR-***

We are pledging $7500.00s

Signed Jay Winters Title Rev. Date 10/13/13

(by typing your name you are giving your signature of approval on this document)

The Florida-Georgia District supports over 50 ministries and with LCMS International Mission works in 84 different countries. In addition, the District remits over 10% of congregation support to the Synod in support of its missions.