

2009 EOCM Partnership Support Grants – Montana Synod  
Evangelical Outreach and Congregation Mission Unit of the ELCA  
(EOCM)

**Application Purpose, Procedure, and Outline**

ELCA Mission: We are Claimed, Gathered and Sent for the sake of the world!

- Do you have dreams or ideas for developing outreach ministry in your setting?
- Do you have dreams or ideas for growing your ministry?
- Does your congregation have a vision for evangelical outreach and need some partnership support funds to help get started?

EOCM is a churchwide partner in developing a culture of discipleship within the church. As you develop a congregational culture of discipleship, EOCM offers Partnership Support Grants to help Synods, Clusters, and Congregations:

- Start a new congregation
- Establish, support, and plan for multicultural outreach
- Strengthen fast growth congregations (those with 20% numerical growth for 2 years)
- Promote lay leadership support and development
- Develop/redevelop or extend an existing ministry
- Empower rural and urban coalitions committed to a shared ministry strategy
- Your ideas for mission development

Why does the EOCM offer Partnership Support Grants? What is their purpose?

The ELCA - EOCM offers grants to engage leaders in the formation of evangelizing congregations that make disciples for Jesus Christ and equip people to use their gifts for God's reign in the world.

The Mission Director (MD), Synod Staff and your Outreach Committee (OC) are available to discuss your outreach ideas to engage leaders in the formation of evangelizing congregations for witness, mission and service to God's love for and reign in the world. If you have a vision for mission outreach, contact the Mission Director or a member of the Outreach Committee for more information.

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**Montana Synod Time-Line for 2009 EOCM Partnership Grants**

- 9/07-2/08 Grant inquiry time period (with MD, Synod Staff & OC)  
Grant inquires sent to the Mission Director (forwarded to OC)  
(MD/OC work with congregations submitting inquiries and/or applications)
- 2/08-3/08 Synod OC and Mission Director review grant applications.
- 3/08-4/08 MD and OC assist congregations in the finalization of grant applications
- 5/1/08 Deadline for Congregational submission of EOCM PS Grant Applications

5/5/08 Synod OC evaluates grant applications for endorsement (approval & priority)  
5/15/08 Mission Director receives Synod OC recommendations  
5/22/08 MD sends Synod endorsed Grant Applications to Churchwide – Chicago  
6-7/08 Churchwide Review Table – Decisions regarding grant requests  
9/08 Churchwide announcement of approved grants & allocation amounts MD  
notification to Synod, OC, Congs. (Date depends on CW notification)