GROWTH TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION

Congregation Name, City, and State:

Date of approval of this application by the congregation's governing board:

Grant Amount Requested:

Description of Opportunity: Congregations are increasingly dependent upon information technology to assure a vibrant worship experience that everyone can hear and see. Many congregations stream or post elements of their services for congregants who cannot attend in person. In the wake of the Covid pandemic there is increased interest in providing 'hybrid' in person *and* virtual services. In addition, webinars and videoconferencing are now nearly essential to accomplish effective education and communication. If external support would enable your congregation to meet such needs, this opportunity may be for you.

Applications may be submitted at any time and may be funded subject to limitations on available funds.

Maximum request: 10,000 USD per congregation. Smaller requests will be considered at a higher priority. Matching funds from other sources will also boost priority.

What can be requested? Ask for what you need. Past technology grants have funded microphones, speakers, web conferencing equipment, video screens, projectors, assisted listening devices, and more. You *do* need to determine the equipment you need and *price the full system*. Chalice Lighters will generally *not* pay for personal computers or for ongoing operational expenses.

Qualifications and Obligations: Chalice Lighter grantees must achieve and maintain:

- **By the time the call closes**: at least 30% of currently certified membership enrolled in and contributing to the Chalice Lighter program: If your application is accepted, the congregation pledges to use its best efforts to meet this requirement for at least the next three years. Your congregation's Chalice Lighter Ambassador can help. *Chalice*

Lighter member percentage can be verified by contacting chalicelighters@cascadiauu.org.

- **Reporting:** Chalice Lighter grantees are expected to provide a written report on the results of the expenditures within 4 months of the completion of the project. Photographs of the project are appreciated. Send the report in .pdf format to chalicelighters@cascadiauu.org

- **Format:** *Please use this document as a template.* Add lines and pages as required. Answer all items, using "NA" if not applicable. Make your case, succinctly. Email the completed application and accompanying pages as a single document in .pdf format to chalicelighters@cascadiauu.org

Applicant Contact Information:

Designated contact person for this grant, with title, if any, phone and mail:

Congregation mailing address, phone, email:

Congregation website address:

Minister, or if none, principal lay leader, with phone and email:

Applicant Data:

Typical current Sunday service attendance:

         Adults: Children:

Project Description: What do you propose to accomplish with the requested funds?

Project Impact: Realistically, how will this grant make a difference in the future?

Project Resources: What is the amount of funding required for the full project and the amount requested from Chalice Lighters? Justify the amounts and show that the appropriate homework has been done, including a detailed equipment list. List ancillary resources, including loans, from other sources. Explain how you intend to proceed if the funds made available by Chalice Lighters are less than the specified cost of the project.

Technical Competence: Describe the level of expertise required to install and operate the required technology and provide evidence that it is available to the congregation. Hint: Your system specifications and design should reflect this competence.

Summary Paragraph: Please provide a very short (~150 word/10 line) summary of why individual Chalice Lighters should send money to support this project.

Attachment Checklist:
- ☐ Project budget
- ☐ Photos, specifications, etc. that help make your case
- ☐ Explanatory comments and footnotes as desired

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