

## **Application for South-Central Wisconsin Synod ELCA Holy Currencies Stewardship & Incubation Program**

### **Instructions**

Please send responses to the following questions.

Participation in Holy Currencies requires forming a team that will commit to working together. Teams that meet regularly benefit greatly from the program. This application can be viewed as a first step in that process. The responses to the application questions below should not be assigned to a single person for completion but should be the product of a conversation among key participants of the initiative proposed.

For new community ministries that have not yet started, please answer questions to the best of your abilities. We encourage you to consult with the Kaleidoscope Institute or Rev. Baires as you are considering applying to discuss your idea and how Holy Currencies could benefit its development.

Kaleidoscope Institute Staff

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South-Central Wisconsin Synod Staff

the Rev. Walter Baires [walterb@scsw-elca.org](mailto:walterb@scsw-elca.org)

We are accepting applications for the program through December 16, 2022.

Applications should be sent by email to [walterb@scsw-elca.org](mailto:walterb@scsw-elca.org).

Registration fee \$500 per congregational team.

### **Holy Currencies Key Dates**

- **December 16, 2022:** applications due
- **December 17, 2022 to January 8, 2023:** application review may include a phone call to discuss application for short-listed applicants, if needed
- **By January 9, 2023:** selected congregations and church teams notified
- **January 17, 2023 at 6:30pm:** Pre-orientation Webinar via Zoom
- **February 24-25, 2023:** two day in-person training with your Congregational Holy Currencies Team
- **February 2023-September 2023:** Two monthly meetings with your Holy Currencies team, and a monthly coaching call to support you in this process.
- **September 16, 2023:** Ministry Celebration Day

## **Administrative Information**

- 1) Congregation Name:
- 2) Contact Person and Title or Role (can be clergy or lay leader):
- 3) Contact information:
  - Phone:
  - Email address:
- 4) Are you applying to be a part of the Stewardship program or Incubation program?

## **For All Congregations**

- What are the strengths of your church and/or community in general, and where do you see opportunities for improvement that haven't been developed yet? (200 words max)
- What is a hope you have for your church in the next year? (100 words max)
- Are there any major church initiatives such as a building project, capital campaign or church-wide programs that your congregation will be focused on in the next year? If so, is the initiative you are proposing connected to that priority? (100 words max)

## **For Incubating Congregations**

- What is the community ministry you are proposing? Who will be better off and how?. (100 words max)
- Is this an existing or new ministry?
- How did you develop the idea for the ministry? (This may include data, community conversation, or other historical background) (150 words max)
- What individuals or groups within your church have been involved in supporting this ministry? (50 words max)
- Does/would the ministry involve organizations and individuals outside of church, and if so, how do/would they participate? (100 words max)
- What challenges have you had or do you foresee with this ministry that you have not solved (e.g. sustainability, changing community needs, not connecting with the right people, doesn't involve enough community partners, etc.) (200 words max)
- What are the hoped-for outcomes of participation in the Holy Currencies Ministry Incubation Program? (150 words max)

## **For All Congregations**

- Please list the team members who will commit to participate in the in-person training and the twice monthly gatherings. We require a minimum of 5 people from each team to participate, with a maximum of 8; this can include community partners. All proposed members of your core team should have reviewed the overview of this program and agree to fully participate to the best of their ability throughout the Holy Currencies program. Additional team members may participate in the twice monthly meetings focused on each currency:

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Role in current initiative:

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Please list names of those who participated in developing this proposal: