

Invitation to Dream

Apply for a Trustee Grant

Overview

Have you ever dreamed of projects that Runnymede United Church could undertake if only there was funding? Are there initiatives that could help the community, engage our membership or expand our facilities? If you have an idea, there is now a way to make that dream a reality.

What is the Invitation?

The Trustees have created three Planned Giving funds as a result of the generosity of Ray Souster and others who have made bequests to the church. We are now accepting applications for grants from these funds to undertake interesting and impactful projects on behalf of the church. Applications will be vetted by the Trustees and provided to the church Board for approval.

What Types of Projects?

Projects which are transformative, with long lasting impact for either Runnymede members or the community and which can become self sustaining, will have the highest priority. The projects need to address one or more of the areas of focus for our funds described below. Multi-year projects will be considered but not ones of indefinite term. The Trustees will not be accepting applications to make donations to other organizations or charities – while worthwhile, that is not the purpose of these funds.

How Much in Grants?

The Trustees are planning for up to \$20,000 per year in grants across all projects. Individual grants could be \$5,000 or more and will be evaluated based on the idea, feasibility, impact and financials, as well as the other applications being considered.

In What Areas?

- **Outreach and Social Justice**
Create new church initiatives with an outward focus on the wider community to improve the lives of those beyond our church walls, whether local or international.
- **Congregational and Spiritual Growth**
Develop opportunities for spiritual growth, deeper and more expansive ministry for our congregation and initiatives to expand the membership of our church.
- **Building Improvement**
Invest in infrastructure to extend church capabilities, enhance the facilities and improve its effectiveness for all users. The focus would be renovation rather than repair.

How Do I Learn More?

The Trustees are holding a Zoom workshop on Tuesday 29 March 2022 at 7:30 pm to provide more information and to answer questions. [Click here to Register](#). We also hope to have discussions on any ideas brought forward.

If you have any questions or to receive an application, please email plannedgiving@runnymedeunited.org or speak to a Trustee.