**Grant Application Form**

 **TO: the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church
 FROM: NON-URC bodies.**

This application form is for the use of organisations other than URC churches or URC Local Area Groups, who wish to apply for funding towards their work.

It may be applicable in these cases:

* + ecumenical or inter-faith activities including chaplaincy, which may or may not involve URC bodies
	+ social action projects, which may be run by secular agencies and may or may not involve work from faith groups, including URC bodies
	+ workplace activities for the wellbeing of employees, volunteers or clients
	+ charitable activities

In general, the work to be funded should align with Christian principles of love for neighbour. The work should primarily take place within the area of the Thames North Synod.

**Process:**

1. Request an application form from the Thames North Synod (TNS) office.
2. Consider the form, but await contact from a TNS representative.
3. When contacted, discuss your application with the TNS representative.
4. Complete the application.
5. Send the application with any supporting documents to the contact at the end of the form.
6. After consideration by the appropriate TNS committees, you will receive a response.

Ecumenical/chaplaincyGrant application

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| Name & address of body making this application |  |
| Name and contact details of person making this application |  |
| Amount of grant requested.Summarise what you will be using the grant for.(Reference any documents attached to provide more details.)- How will this application nurture collaborative action for justice, peace and reconciliation, develop inter-faith relationships and increase the presence of our faith in the public arena?How will this help: -* build community
* meet needs
* grow individuals

Give details of any faith groups involved in the work. (Absence of faith group involvement does NOT mean a grant will not be made.)Give details of any URC church or group involvement.- How will this application facilitate nurturing and developing new leaders, nurturing and releasing individuals to use their God-given talents?Give details of other sources and amounts of funding promised or applied for.(Attach project budgets and accounts as appropriate.)Give details of your income and expenditure for the past 2 years. |  |
| Have you received this grant before?If so, please tell us the story of what it did for you and the impact it had on all those involved. Is there a relationship between the last grant and this one?- What consideration has been given to legacy planning? |  |
| How will you engage with your local URC churches, if this is appropriate?* volunteers
* prayer support
* information sharing
* other

Can you foresee ways in which this project will impact the local congregation and nurture their discipleship and mission? |  |
| How will you engage with the Thames North Synod?* regular reports
* presentations
* information sharing
* other
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| Please summarise why you believe it is right for TNS to provide funding towards this work. |  |

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………………… Date ……………………………………………………….

Please send your completed for to the Synod Office administrator: nneoma.chima@urcthamesnorth.org.uk

It will then be considered at the appropriate Committee meetings. Most Committees usually meet every two months, but weight of business may mean longer delays before an application can be considered.