**Walking the Way Discipleship Fund**

This fund aims to help local churches with small projects that aid faith development and therefore discipleship in the local congregation[[1]](#footnote-1)

With this fund TNS is enabling our churches to fulfil their charitable aims in ‘advancing and facilitating the practice of their religion,’ see: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/358531/advancement-of-religion-for-the-public-benefit.pdf>

Up to a maximum of £5000 over 3 years is available to a local church to support its faith life. For example:

- Resources for worship (projector and screen, hymn books, bibles, prayer books)

- A discipleship project in the local church

- A church away day or weekend

**Process**

Complete the ‘Walking the Way **Discipleship** Grant’ application form, see below. Send the completed form to the Discipleship Steering Group (DSG) via the Synod office. Applications will be considered at the DSG meetings which are held throughout the year, see Synod Calendar.

Walking the Way **Discipleship** Grant Application Form

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| Name & address of Church / LAG or Cluster |  |
| Name of contact for this grant |  |
| Amount of grant requested.  What will you be using the grant for?  How will this help you grow in faith as a church and in your relationship with God?  What percentage of your congregation will be involved? |  |
| Is your church making a financial or other contribution to this project?  Have you budgeted for Mission or Discipleship in the past as a church?  If this grant has the impact you hope for would it encourage you to budget for it in the future? |  |
| Please provide your total income and expenditure figures and the balances held both locally and in trust from your most recent accounts. |  |
| *Whilst not contributing to M&M fully will not disqualify an application, in the interests of good stewardship a commitment to helping fund the wider ministry of the URC needs to be a consideration.*  Is your church contributing to M & M in accordance with the Synod formula?  If not, please confirm you have discussed this and come to an arrangement with Thames North Synod. |  |
| 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 your congregation.  Is there a relationship between the last grant and this one? |  |
| Please provide your Church meeting resolution in support this application  Date of Church Meeting |  |

Signed……………………………………………… Date …………………………………………

Please send your completed for to the Synod Office administrator: [nneoma.chima@urcthamesnorth.org.uk](mailto:nneoma.chima@urcthamesnorth.org.uk)

It will then be considered at the next Discipleship Steering Group (DSG) meeting.

1. This is not aimed at outreach work in the local community but faith growth work in the local congregation [↑](#footnote-ref-1)