

# The Hurting Churches Fund

## What is The Hurting Churches Fund?

- This fund has been created to help the member churches of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) through challenging times. The Morgan Park Hurting Churches Fund and 21st Century Pilgrim Club were consolidated to create The Hurting Churches Fund.

## How to Apply

- You must be an active NACCC member church for your application to be considered.
- Churches are encouraged to apply for funds as identified by their church, however, examples of needs are:
  - Emergency capital or operations support
  - Consultation expenses on matters of critical importance to the church
  - Emergency funds when a pastor is ill or incapacitated
- Grants up to \$2,500 per application are available, and repeat applications cannot be made within a 12 month period. A lifetime maximum of \$10,000 per church is imposed.
- Approval of grants is made by the Growth Ministry Council (GMC), and based on the recommendation from The Hurting Churches Fund Task Team. The GMC's decision is final.
- To apply, fill out the application form found [here](#) or contact Carrie Dahm at the NACCC offices at 414-856-1612. The application form will provide you with specific details on where to send your completed application.

***“Ozaukee Congregational Church (Grafton, WI) was pleased to have been selected as a recipient of a \$2,500 grant from The Hurting Churches Fund. It has helped us sustain our congregation during an extended pastoral search.”***

# How You Can Help

- Generous donations from individuals and other member churches will help to keep The Hurting Churches Fund healthy and available to those churches who are in need
- Contributions up to \$1,000 will be made available for the current year grants. Gifts above \$1,000 will be placed in the Endowment, to help churches in the future.
- Your generosity will make a difference to those churches in the NACCC that are in need of a helping hand.

***“We have always strived to support the 21st Century Pilgrim Fund (one of the funds that formed The Hurting Churches Fund) because as important as our history may be, our future is of yet more importance. We enjoy our independence as a congregationally governed church but we also recognize and value our interdependence as well and want to be supportive of others who are living, worshiping and serving in the Congregational Way.”***

-Rev. Don Mayberry - Pastor First Congregational Church of South Paris, ME

The Hurting Churches Fund is here to help make a difference in the life of the church. Whether you are in need of assistance or are in a position to help others, we welcome your participation today! [Click here to apply for assistance](#) or [here to contribute to the fund](#).