



From: Tim McCallister, Associate, Offices of Mission Program Grants and Racial Ethnic Schools & Colleges on behalf of The Mission Development Resources Committee (MDRC)

To: Mid Council Executives, Mid Council Staff Contacts, and Persons Who Have Made General Inquiries

Subject: 2016 Walton Award Nominations

Date: October 24, 2016

In late 1991, Sam and Helen R. Walton made a gift of \$3 million to the church to support New Worshiping Communities (NWCs) that placed an emphasis on site acquisition. As in prior years, the NWCs selected will each receive one-time awards of up to \$50,000. The nomination form is attached and is also available at the Mission Program Grants website, <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionprogramgrants/>.

This form includes a number of questions that will be important for follow-up and for understanding how this church is meeting certain goals. Please review your nomination and the responses to ensure that all questions are understood & answered and all attachments are included to ensure that the MDRC may fairly consider the request. Please discard any old nomination forms you may have on file.

The MDRC would like information concerning why "this" NWC should be presented with the Walton Award, in the context of how they have expressed their vision and are meeting their goals. Please include information about the way in which the NWC meets the criteria by advancing the Great Ends of the Church [G-1.0200] in:

"- Proclaiming the gospel; nurturing members in their understanding of the gospel and discipleship; and in promoting social righteousness."

The nomination should include information concerning the way the goals of the NWC's Ministry Plan have met or exceeded expectations for growth in number of members, strength of discipleship, stewardship and Christian witness. For projects currently receiving Mission Program Grant Funding, information contained in the prior year Annual Progress Report will be used by the MDRC during the selection process. The narrative section should describe the vision of the NWC and its progress toward realizing that vision. If possible, the MDRC would like the representatives of the appropriate committee of presbytery and/or synod to be involved in answering questions and preparing the narrative.

The narrative should be completed on a separate page, but may not exceed one piece of paper.

Complete the nomination form & narrative (with attachments) and mail the signed original to the Mission Program Grants office or e-mail as an attachment the completed document to Bill.Moore@pcusa.org early enough to be received by January 31st.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim".

Tim McCallister, Associate

