

# **Travel Incentive Proposal**

## ***Policy and Procedures***

### **Church Planning & Development Committee**

September, 2001

## ***Background***

As part of our ongoing and overarching goal of new church development, the CP&D committee is placing a priority on informing / educating Zeeland Classis churches about how to 'daughter' a congregation

One of the most successful congregations in the United States to embrace the mother / daughter model is Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The Rev. Leith Anderson, pastor of this congregation, members of the church staff and members of the church leadership team, have already partnered with our classis and regional synod. Wooddale is open to continuing this relationship.

## ***Purpose***

We believe that churches who are seriously considering the mother / daughter model would benefit from a first-hand, on-site experience at Wooddale and with Wooddale's daughter congregations. Such a trip could help a church to discern whether or not God is calling them toward this goal. In addition, in the event that a church decides to pursue a mother / daughter relationship, information shared and gleaned through this visit could be invaluable toward church plant success.

## ***Application***

The committee will require that an application form be filled out. Funds for travel will be disbursed entirely at the discretion of the committee. Churches should understand that they will also incur expenses as part of their travel. While a church does not need to be already committed to pursuing the mother / daughter model to apply, they should genuinely consider the implications of such a goal prior to making application.

---

Church Planning & Development  
Zeeland Classis, RCA

## TRAVEL INCENTIVE PLAN

### *Application*

September, 2001

Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie, Minnesota has been effective in building God's kingdom through intentional daughtering of new congregations. Churches applying for a *Travel Incentive* grant are assumed to be genuinely interested in exploring the mother / daughter model of new church development.

Please prepare a brief summary that explains your reasons for being interested in visiting Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

Please include the following in your summary:

- Why are you interested in the mother / daughter model of new church development?
- Should you decide to daughter a congregation, do you have an idea when you would hope to begin the process?
- Should you decide to daughter a congregation, do you have an idea where you would plant this new church start?
- Have you discussed this idea among staff?, within the consistory?, in the life of the congregation? What have been the overall responses to this concept / idea?