

Parishioner Guided Grants 2026

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY

For many years, St. Michael's Episcopal Church has contributed to organizations in the greater Sacramento Community and beyond. Beginning in 2013 all our church fundraising proceeds have been donated to the non-profit community.

***The Parishioner Guided Grants Program** was designed to facilitate a broadening of our circle of beneficiaries based on Parishioners' personal nominations... a way to introduce new partners to St. Michael's, recognize and support individual parishioner commitments, and introduce other parishioners to outreach service opportunities. In the fall of each year, the Mercy and Social Justice Committee facilitates the process of receiving and reviewing applications that parishioners submit. The Committee's recommendations then go to our Vestry for approval in December, with awards to follow.

You are invited to nominate a non-profit organization to receive a grant in 2026. This year grant amounts are expected to range from \$50-\$2000. Grant applications are available online and paper copies are also available on the Sunday usher's desk. All applications are due in office c/o Terry Bridges by October 16, 2026.

Please Remember:

- The organization must be a non-profit fully recognized by the State of California
- The organizations must address basic needs: food, shelter, clothing, life skills, health, education and emotional well-being.
- You must be knowledgeable about, and active with, the organization using your time, talents and treasure.
- The organization must adhere to the values consistent with the Episcopal Church regarding diversity and equity for all people.

****** If you have questions regarding St. Michael's Parishioner Guided Grants, please contact Terry Bridges.

******** Visit the Mercy and Social Justice webpage to see all the Outreach activities St. Michael's parishioners are involved with and the prior history of awarded Parishioner Guided Grants: <https://stmichaelscarmichael.org/serve/mercy-social-justice/>

St Michael's Church 2026
Parishioner Guided Grant Nomination Form

Your Name (nominator): _____
Nominator's Phone: _____
Organization Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Person Authorized to accept Grant: _____
Title of Authorized Person: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____ Website: _____
Organization's 501(c) (3) Tax ID: _____

Brief description of nominated program: _____

What needs (food, shelter, clothing, life skills, health, emotional well-being, education) does this program address? _____

What is the requested amount? \$ _____

What is your relationship to and involvement with this organization? _____

How long have you been involved with this organization? _____

Why is this organization / program important to you? (75 words or less): _____

Do you know of other members at St. Michael's who are involved with this organization? If yes, please list: _____

What volunteer opportunities to work *with* or *for* this organization are available to people from St. Michael's? Please describe: _____

Does this organization adhere to the values consistent with the Episcopal Church regarding diversity and equity for all people? Yes _____ No _____

Please work with the organization to develop a brief write-up about the organization and the specific program nominated and attach it to this application. (*No more than one page, dbl. spaced*). Be sure the Executive Director is informed that a member of the Mercy and Social Justice Grant committee may be in contact as things progress.