

Process for "New Initiatives for Presbyteries"

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Proposed Updates and Changes in Bold Print ~~or Strikethrough~~

- 1) New Initiatives will be available to presbyteries to share presbytery funding for new proposals.
- 2) Information about New Initiatives, including the approval process and proposal format, will be posted on the Synod website.
- 3) When received by the Synod office, New Initiative proposals shall first be considered by **Treasurer and/or** the Finance and Budget Committee for the purpose of determining availability of funding.
- 4) If funding is available for the proposal, the New Initiative proposal shall then be considered by the New Initiatives Task Force who will base their recommendations on consideration of:
 - a. Appropriateness of project within the scope of Synod Mission
 - b. Sustainability
 - c. Potential benefit to larger church
 - d. Means of evaluation and sharing of learning
 - e. Clear, specific, complete planning
- ~~5) The new Initiatives Task Force may then recommend funding of the proposal to the Synod for action.~~
- 5) The New Initiatives Task Force will be made up of 3 Commissioners appointed by the Moderator of Synod and 2 Executive Presbyters (Teaching Presbyter, Pastor to the Presbytery or General Presbyter) named by the Synod EP Forum.
- 6) Recommendations by this Task Force will be **reported to Synod Commissioners.** ~~voted upon by Synod Commissioners either at a meeting of the Synod or by e-mail vote as provided for in the Synod Standing Rules.~~
- 7) Every year, the New Initiatives Task Force assignments and process will be reviewed and updated as part of the budgeting process.