

# Support Network Fund Grant

The National Initiative Christian Parenting and Caregiving Initiative

*Grants are administered through the Ministerial Excellence Center of the Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic Faith International, Inc.*

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## Grant Background

The *Ministerial Excellence Center of the Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic Faith International, Inc.* (MEC of PCAFI) supports the holistic flourishing of our congregations, and at the basis of every congregation's diverse makeup are family units. The MEC of PCAFI is unique because it serves a predominantly African-American Pentecostal clergy base with additional support services not offered through any other known reformation of similar faith practice and ethnic makeup. The MEC of PCAFI is establishing innovative programming for family ministry and **support** for local congregations to implement family ministry structures that provide parental support groups, education/training, and creative programming that encourages parent-driven discipleship of children, youth, and young adults in the home. The congregations selected will become the first three and pilot the Faith@Home Support Network Fund.

## Grant Purpose

- (1) to enable the local congregation of the PCAFI to gather with its leaders, auxiliary leaders in children, youth, young adults, Christian education, and family ministries to host Family Ministry Experts for mutual learning and implementation of family ministry programming and parent support groups.
- (2) to establish a platform for innovative thinking and conversations based upon funded training from experts in Family, Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries.
- (3) to support the implementation of parent-driven family ministry locally with reduplication in ministries represented within the local church.
- (4) to develop materials, practices, and innovative ministry models that can be shared with a larger constituency of the PCAFI for collaboration, exchange, and information.

## Pilot Grant Outcomes

- (1) Tested ministry models that can be used to support parents in transmitting faith values to their children (children, youth, and young adults) in the home.
- (2) Trained parent support group leaders who can train other members/parents on principles on family discipleship.
- (3) Curated resources and ministry activities for use in family ministry by other congregations of the PCAFI
- (4) Established parent support groups that discuss challenges and implement creative solutions to discipleship of children, youth, and young adults in the home.

## Qualifying Criteria

- (1) The F@H Support Network congregation will demonstrate the capacity to recruit, retain, educate, motivate, and deploy parents who are actively engaged in learning, certification, and training others for family ministry (parent-driven for children, youth, and young adults)
- (2) The F@H Support Network congregation will demonstrate the capacity to be a distributor of educational resources and trained parent group leaders that will motivate, educate, and equip other parents to build robust family practices towards faith transmission to their children, youth, and young adults.
- (3) The F@H Support Network congregation will demonstrate the capacity to participate in localized training and social activity planning that includes the following:
  - An initial orientation to the programming structure with key partnering/collaborating entities.
  - Monthly coaching and implementation sessions with key partnering/collaborating entities.
  - Host 3-4 hours of intense training for parent support group leaders quarterly.
  - Host Family fun activities quarterly for the 2024-2025 ministry calendar year(s).
  - A congregational team that will attend and participate in the Family Ministry Training Track at the PCAFI international gatherings:
    - PCAFI 67th Annual Bishops Board Meeting and LEAD Conference March 6-9, 2024,
    - PCAFI 67th Annual International Holy Convocation GROWTH Conference July 19-24, 2024
    - PCAFI International Youth Conference IEEE 2024 Dates **TBD**
- (4) The F@H Support Network congregation will demonstrate the capacity to organize, host, and establish platforms for maximum participation of church members with children, youth, and young adults in the education/training, program development, and program implementation phases of the F@H project.
- (5) The F@H Support Network congregation will demonstrate the capacity to develop quality reports, visual footage, and interviews for the development of the F@H Family Kit

We expect the funds from the F@H innovation hub fund will constitute 90% of the program expenses as implemented at the congregational level. This means the congregation will contribute 10% of the funds toward operating and training expenses for its church members. No congregation will receive more than one (1) grant during a calendar year.

The grant will be divided into the following areas:

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• Parent Support Group-Certified Family Ministry Professional or Therapist (\$150-200/hr. *6 group sessions)	\$1,200
• Faith@Home Family Kit Implementation	\$1,500
• Quarterly Innovative Family Ministry Activities (4 activities*\$1,500 each)	\$6,000
• Educational Materials/Software for Family Ministry	\$1,300

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**Total Mini-Grant Award** **\$9,000.00**

**To apply** for the pilot grant, grantees should visit [WWW.PCAFIME.ORG](http://WWW.PCAFIME.ORG) and **fully** complete the online application. The local project director (designated by the Senior Pastor) will be expected to participate in the monthly meetings with his/her church team. Provide quarterly written reports, and within three months of the completion of the funded project, the local project director will submit a final report on the results of the F@H Support Network congregation grant (using a report form template). The MEC of PCAFI will use this report for other reporting purposes and formative evaluation of the programming.

**Support Network Fund Congregation Grant Application**

Name of the Congregation: **The Saints of the Most High**

Senior Pastor's Full Name:

**Pastor Do Wright, II**

Council:

**The Most Holy Council of the East of Glory**

Church Telephone: **(777) 555-5555**

Church Email: **mustbeholy@heaven.com**

Church Address (Including City, State, Zip):

**5757 Righteous Ave., Damascus, NC, 77777**

Church Website: **www.liverightorburn.com**

Number of Families in Your Congregation: **12**

*(Note: This is the individual whom the Senior Pastor has designated to be the official correspondence agent related to the implementation of the project on the local level)*

Project Director: **Deacon Holiness**

Address: **Ephesians 1 Way Drive**

City: **Damascus**

State: **NC**

Zip: **77777**

Phone Number: **777-555-5557**

Email: **iknowlmsaved@heaven.com**

The governing board has been informed of this grant application.

(please check):

**Please Check Yes or No to the Following Questions:**

(1) Our church is prepared to recruit, retain, educate, motivate, and deploy ministry leaders to complete the regional and national training for the F@H initiative.

**Yes**       **No**

(2) Our church is prepared after this project to deploy trained lay leaders who will motivate, educate, and equip lay leaders from other church to build robust and comprehensive family ministry models and support services.

**Yes**       **No**

(3) Our church has established a ministry calendar for 2024 that will accommodate the F@H initiative and quarterly family ministry activities.

**Yes**       **No**

(4) Our church has identified a team of 4-5 leaders/representatives that will help MEC of PCAFI to organize, host, and establish platforms for maximum participation of church members in the education/training, program development, and program implementation phases of the F@H project.

**Yes**       **No**

(5) Our church has identified a team of 4-5 leaders who will be attending monthly coaching sessions, LEAD Conference, GROWTH Conference, and IYC IEEE for 2024, and we have a backup plan for delegates of the initiative in case an identified team leader is unable to attend.

**Yes**       **No**

(6) Our council can provide timely reports during the project and after the completion of the grant project to the MEC of PCAFI

**Yes**       **No**

**Project Team:** *(Please list the names, telephone, email, and mailing addresses for the planning team members from the council. Please also provide a rationale as to why they are the most qualified for this project.)*

Name	Telephone	Email	Mailing Address	Qualifications for Leadership
Sis. Sally DoRight	555.555.5551	thefirst@heaven.com	Ephesians 1 Way Drive, Damascus, NC. 77777	Saved-Family Ministry Director
Bro. ComeinAHonda	555.555.5552	Baptizedinjesusname@heaven.com	Acts 238 Way Drive, Damascus, NC. 77777	Baptized in Jesus Name-Family Ministry Assisiant
Dec. Ebahsha	555.555.5553	saved@heaven.com	Col317 Way Drive, Damascus, NC. 77777	Filled with the Holy Ghost-Local Counselor in the Church
Eld. Hookamessiah	555.555.5554	sanctified@heaven.com	Mark 16 Way Drive, Damascus, NC. 77777	Modest-Business Network Leader and President of the Most Holy Foundation
Min. Meehahahey	555.555.5558	Filledwiththeholyyghost@heaven.com	Ephesians 4 Way Drive, Damascus, NC. 77777	Meek - Degreed in Family and Marriage Therapy- President of Counselors RUS

**Project Sustainability/Continuation:** *(Tell us how your church will sustain the practices implemented during this grant beyond the life cycle of the grant. What procedures can you put in place that will continue the training beyond the initial cycle of this grant program and the certification of more parent support group leaders.)*

We have a board that is committed to this grant process. We have established a family ministry with a family ministry director who will help to oversee this effort. We already have those listed in our project as individuals who have consistently attended national meetings and will be able to devote the time and energy to a monthly zoom meeting for the effort.

We are committed to adding additional volunteer positions, an educational director, and a grant administrator, who will be principally responsible for collaboration with the MEC staff in the emergence and implementation of the project.

**Resources to be used:** *(Please list all the resources your church possesses that would be helpful towards the education, training, and implementation of this project.)*

1. Counseling Our Us Services, LLC.
2. Business Leaders Network for Family Services of Damascus County, Inc.
3. Family and Marriage Conference Curriculum and National Facilitators in our localized ministry

**Challenges to be addressed:** *(Please identify barriers that may inhibit the implementation of this project in your local church and among your members.)*

While we are excited to implement the opportunities that emerged from the findings of our family groups at the church with young adult parents and established parents, we are aware of the fluidity of participant obligations and unanticipated challenges in the implementation phase. We hope to avoid any loss of families and support by strengthening existing efforts and our capacity to serve through those forums more effectively and having an orientation with them so that they are aware of how the project will function within our church. Our pastor has also committed to meet with the family ministry team once a month to discuss the planning and implementation of the project so that we have pastoral support.

While we anticipate the initial phase of the grant being development and programming implementation, we anticipate that the systems, methods, and best practices developed in the latter phases will provide continued income and support for the efforts.

Additionally, we anticipate that there may be some saints who are reluctant anyone consulting them about parenting practices. To maintain the integrity and functionality of the support services we will use confidentiality but still offer support services to our congregants.

**Planning Timeline:** *(Please provide a draft plan of your implementation of the program components considering what you know about the F@H initiative)*

Timeframe	Activity	Resources Used/Participants
Quarter 1 (April-June 2024)	Attend LEAD Conference and accept the award	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Counseling Our Us Services, LLC.</li> <li>2. Business Leaders Network for Family Services of Damascus County, Inc.</li> <li>3. Family and Marriage Conference Curriculum and National Facilitators in our localized ministry</li> </ol>
	Go to Grant Orientation	
	Developing our Plan Based on Grant Application	
	Announcing to our Church	
	Family Festival with Forum After	

<p>Quarter 2 (July-September 2024)</p>	<p>Faith Family Kit –Set up on our Church Website for Parent Support Groups (August)</p> <p>Launching Church Parent Support Groups (July)</p> <p>Attend PCAFI GROWTH Conference</p> <p>Faith Family Kit Finished and Implemented on our Website from MEC (September)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Church Tech Team</li> <li>2. Family Therapy Trainer</li> <li>3. Education Director</li> </ol>
<p>Quarter 3 (October-December 2024)</p>	<p>Faith Family Kit (October)</p> <p>Family Feast Day and Fellowship (November)</p> <p>Parent Support Groups (October-December, Monthly)</p> <p>Attend IEEE Training (December)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education Director</li> <li>2. Family Therapy Trainer</li> <li>3. Family Ministry Support Team</li> </ol>
<p>Quarter 4 (Jan-March 2025)</p>	<p>Family Feast Day and Fellowship (November)</p> <p>Parent Support Groups (October-December, Monthly)</p> <p>Make Final Report and Gathering at LEAD Conference</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Education Director</li> <li>2. Family Therapy Trainer</li> <li>3. Family Ministry Support Team</li> </ol>

**Documentation:**

- Signature page
- Active Participation in the 5% assessment program and PCAFI registered church in good standing
- Most recent listing of church officers
- Letter of Support from the Council Chairman or Diocesan Bishop
- Most recent listing of congregation officers and appropriate tax verification forms of the EIN



## Signatures

*One signatory of this grant application should be the senior pastor. The second signatory should be the highest officer in the local assembly.*

By signing, applicants indicate that they have read and understand the Innovation Hub grant application, that they will complete the Innovation Hub grant project within twelve months, and that they will submit a report within three months of the project's completion.

Electronic signatures can be accepted.

*Pastor Do Wright, II*      January 7, 2024

Name

Date

Senior Pastor

Title/Position

*Gotta Be Holines*      January 5, 2024

Name

Date

Project Director/Family Ministry Coordinator

Title/Position