

THE 787 COLLECTIVE: GRANT OPPORTUNITY



Overview

The 787 Collective at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary invites applications from Austin area churches to partner with a Young Adult Community Builder to produce creative ventures that address the needs and passions of young adults within their respective communities.

Benefits to Participating Churches

- A paid Young Adult Community Builder who will partner with the congregation for 15 months to design and implement a project that meets the needs of young adults within the local area (A young adult within your congregation or someone we help you find.)
- Up to \$5,000 in funds to support a project to benefit young adults within the community
- \$2,000 for administrative oversight
- An opportunity to learn and grow through a short-term intensive experiment in ministry with, for, and among young adults within your community
- A structured discernment process to consider whether God is calling the congregation to an ongoing commitment to ministry with, for and among young adults
- Membership in the 787 Collective learning community, including support and training from 787 Collective staff

Expectations of Participating Churches

- Welcome and befriend young adults engaged in creative ventures
- Provide a Discernment Circle to include a pastor, one lay volunteer and the Young Adult Community Builder. It is our hope and expectation that the Discernment Circle will expand with additional lay members over the course of the project. The Discernment Circle will:
 - Engage the process described in the 787 Collective Discernment Guide over the 15-month period, including learning from creative ventures initiated by the Young Adult Community Builder
 - Support Young Adult Community Builder in implementing creative programs
 - Help Young Adult Community Builder access resources
 - Provide logistical and administrative assistance
 - Be an encouraging sounding board for creative ventures. Listen, encourage, ask questions, provide answers and opinions when requested, and stay curious about and to the creative and mysterious work of building something new.
 - Provide spiritual nurture through prayer, mentorship, and holding space to grow in mutual relationship.
 - Share the story of the work to the rest of congregation
 - Attend 787 Collective gatherings

Benefits to Young Adult Community Builders

- A \$15,000 stipend for 15 months of work (approximately 15 hours a week)
- Mutual relationship with a local congregation to support and mentor your work
- Opportunity to design a creative venture grown from your passion and for the needs of young adults
- A chance to lean into and grow with a faith community
- Professional and spiritual development
- Entrepreneurial opportunity where failure is affirmed as much as success

- Access to the 787 Collective as a co-working space (includes access to a convivial workspace during office hours, internet, and a printer)
- The chance to build community around an express need in the young adult population about which you are passionate
- Membership in The 787 Learning Community and participation in a robust, supportive and encouraging community of Young Adult Community Builders

Expectations of Young Adult Community Builders (YACBS)

- Attend monthly meetings with other YACBs within the collective for support and learning
- Attend a four-day spiritual formation training in January 2020
- Attend a three-day ideation and project development training in March of 2020
- Participate in regular meetings with the Discernment Circle and other leaders as needed
- Faithful implementation of project designed by YACB in consensus with the church
- Present a Mid-Grant mini-report
- Provide a final grant report
- Participate in all required 787 Collective activities

Project Timeline

****Begin discernment practices as soon as possible**, even if it is one person in the congregation praying (that might be you). If way opens, expand the group of people praying about this. Attached is a short introduction to Discernment, and our full Discernment Guide can be found online at www.787collective.org/discernment-guide/

-September 15: Expression of Interest due.

-For Churches: Attached please find an Expression of Interest form. The form may be filled out online [here](#), or found in Word document format [here](#).)

-For Young Adults: Attached please find an Expression of Interest form. The form may be filled out online [here](#), or found in Word document format [here](#).

-October 26: MANDATORY DISCERNMENT DAY attended by pastoral team lead, lay leader, and young adult applicants.

-November 15: Letter of Commitment and Final Documentation due

-December 1: Awards and Invitations confirmed

-December 15: Contracts signed

-January 2020 (date tbd): Orientation for Congregational Teams and Young Adults (Nuts and Bolts, Covenant Drafting, Questions and Answers)

-January 17- 20, 2020: Spiritual Formation Retreat for Young Adult Community Builders