



## 2024 Pre-Packaged Grant Options

### Dinner Church

Dinner Church is a new way of doing and being church in the community. Participants in Dinner Church gather around a meal where they share stories, have conversations about faith, worship, sing, laugh, cry, and express love for God and each other. They can be intergenerational or targeted to a particular age group. The Dinner Church V2A envisions would be launched by a congregation or organization to engage a new demographic—particularly an unchurched one. Indeed, V2A anticipates that some congregations would hold their dinners at a community center or other off-campus location, to gather people that would not normally consider attending an event at a church.

Grant awardees will receive \$10,000 which will cover four hours of initial training plus three individual coaching sessions from an expert in the Dinner Church movement. The grant also covers books and written materials about Dinner Church. Also included in the budget are funds to cover food and program costs for monthly Dinner Church events, marketing, supplies, possible facility rental fees, and more. For more information about Dinner Church, be sure to check out the website [www.dinnerchurch.com](http://www.dinnerchurch.com), a website specifically about the Dinner Church movement. There are interesting videos, stories, testimonials and more.

#### Budget for the Dinner Church Packaged Grant:

Category/Item	Amount
Project Development Resources (Training event; Coaching; Dinner Church handbooks)	\$1,200
Food costs (assuming three months project preparation and nine months' worth of dinners)	\$3,000
Dinner supplies (paper products, table supplies, cleaning supplies)	\$1,200
Marketing and mailing costs	\$1,500
Program costs (music, discussion group supplies)	\$600
Miscellaneous expenses, including possible facility rental	\$2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

### Building Bridges— Latino Ministry

According to the 2020 census, more than one quarter of the population of Florida is Latino. What's more, while Florida's population overall increased by 14.6% between 2010 and 2020, the rate of growth for the Latino community was almost 35%. Stated another way, the increase in Florida's Latino populations accounted for more than half of the state's total population growth during the past decade.<sup>1</sup> Many Florida-Bahamas Synod congregations and organizations are in locations well-poised to target this large and growing demographic group. *Building Bridges* is an exciting, innovative, new ministry designed to bring Latino and Anglo communities together to build God's church. The method has been successful in other contexts and has potential for the Florida-Bahamas Synod.

*Building Bridges* starts by bringing people together through language: a church or organization holds English classes for Spanish speakers, and Spanish classes for English speakers. Two, ten-week semesters are held each year, with 90 minute classes offered weekly during the series. The classes are accompanied by a meal where all participants join together to practice their language skills and build relationships. Further, a worship experience with Latino flair is offered monthly that can include English and Spanish elements. Through conversation, gathering around a meal, learning from each other and worshipping together, a new community can emerge and new activities take root, whether they be Bible studies, cross-cultural events, regularly scheduled worship activities, or intergenerational events.

Grant awardees of *Building Bridges* will receive \$10,000, designed to cover the cost of language classes, meals, worship, marketing, and ongoing coaching from an Executive Coach with experience in developing contextual ministries. For a

testimonial from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana about their ministry named "La Mesa," [click here](#).

<b>Category/Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ESL books x 2 semesters— (\$11/book; assume 20 learners each semester)	\$440
Spanish Learning Books— (\$21/book; assume 8 learners each semester)	\$336
Coach for congregation/organization (\$150/month for 9 months)	\$1,350
Shared meals at \$200 per class night (20 in total)	\$4,000
Worship—music, supplies, bilingual supply preacher as needed	\$2,000
Marketing—flyers, advertising, registration	\$1,000
Miscellaneous supplies, expenses; stipend for teacher	\$874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

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<sup>i</sup> 2020-Census-Profiles-FL.pdf (naleo.org)