



PACIFIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE
of Mennonite Brethren Churches

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Hello PDC Churches,

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Tim Thiessen and I serve as the Lead Pastor of Birch Bay Bible Community Church (Blaine, WA), and Chair of the ***PDC Board of Next Generation Leadership*** (NextGen Board).

For 18 years, the NextGen Board has assisted PDC churches in developing leaders for vocational ministry through a summer internship program. We have seen more than 250 future-leaders participate in this program through our local churches, and that is reason to celebrate!

However, due to ongoing changes in state/federal policies, the NextGen Board has decided to shift our focus for Summer 2021. This year, we will be offering NextGen Leadership Development Grants to our PDC churches and ministry partners.

Attached to this email you will find:

1. A description of the NextGen Leadership Development Grant program.
2. A Church Application Form to be filled out and returned to the PDC Office (pdcmcb@fresno.edu) by April 30, 2021.
3. Housing guidelines for both host homes and NextGen Leaders (new to 2021, if applicable).

For a full-time participant, the PDC will send your church \$1,000.00 in August after reflection letters from both the NextGen Leader and supervisor are received by the PDC Office. For participants serving less than full-time, this amount will be adjusted accordingly.

Our desire is to help train as many of the next generation as possible for vocational ministry, and we are excited to partner with each of you. To make sure we can partner with as many churches as possible, if your church submits more than one request you may be asked to seek alternative forms of sponsorship for those additional leaders.

Finally, the Board of Next Generation Leadership wants to promote opportunities for Leadership Development across the PDC. If you are hosting a special training or conference that might benefit a NextGen Leader or host church, please let us know. If you have questions, please contact the PDC office at: 559.453.2082.

NextGen Leader Grant Application deadline is April 30, 2021.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Blessings,

Tim Thiessen

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Board of Next Generation Leadership, Chair