

ADOPTION APPLICATION FORM: A DESIRABLE OPTION

NAME OF CHURCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY AND STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

NAME OF ADOPTIVE FATHER: _____

NAME OF ADOPTIVE MOTHER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY AND STATE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

FATHER: MEMBER OF CHURCH YES / NO

MOTHER: MEMBER OF CHURCH YES / NO

DATE APPROVED BY THE SESSION: _____

ATTESTED BY CLERK OF SESSION: _____

*IF NO, HOW ARE THE PROSPECTIVE PARENTS RELATED TO THE CHURCH?

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED FROM PRESBYTERY: \$ _____

AMOUNT OF FUNDS THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE: \$ _____

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:

1. EVIDENCE THAT THE PARENTS HAVE BEEN MARRIED FIVE YEARS AND HAVE A STABLE HOME LIFE.
2. EVIDENCE THAT ONE OF THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS HAS BEEN GAINFULLY EMPLOYED FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD, OR EVIDENCE OF ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL NEED.
3. EVIDENCE THAT THE APPLICANTS ARE USING OR WILL USE A COURT RECOGNIZED LEGAL PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION.
4. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION WITHIN THE NORTHUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY.
5. SESSION WITHIN THE NORTHUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY.

COMMITTEE ON SERVICE APPROVAL: _____ DATE: _____

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The Presbytery of Northumberland voted to support the following Mission:
The Northumberland Presbytery believes that adoption is a desirable option in the event of an unwanted pregnancy. To encourage adoption by Christian Parents, should the natural parent (s) of a child wish to relinquish their parental rights to the child, the Northumberland Presbytery sets forth its adoption assistance program. The Northumberland Presbytery has established an adoption fund for making financial grants to assist in the legal adoption process.

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT: is to provide a grant for adoptive parents who are members of the Northumberland Presbytery that would help cover the adoptive fees. The grant normally would not exceed \$1,000 dollar; in no case would it exceed \$2,000 dollars per child.

PROCEDURES:

1. The application must be approved by a Session in the Northumberland Presbytery accompanied by a letter of recommendation.
The letter of recommendation should include the following:
 - The amount of grant being requested by the session: not to exceed 1,000 dollars.
 - Justification or evidence of financial need
 - Evidence that the prospective parents are active in the Northumberland Presbytery, or members of the Presbytery.
 - Evidence that the parents have been married for five years, and have a stable marriage and home life.
 - Evidence that one of the adoptive parents has been gainfully employed for a substantial period of time.
 - Other evidence of economic stability may be accepted.
 - Evidence that the applicants are using a court recognized legal procedure for adoption.
2. **Special note:** The Committee on Service believes that the role models of both father and mother are needed in parenting. However, in exceptional cases, the application of a single parent will be considered.
3. It is not required that the church partner with the Presbytery in order to secure this grant.

Please send your application to:
The Northumberland Presbytery
c/o The Committee on Service
PO Box 334
Montoursville, PA 17754

For more information please call: 570-368-3906 Fax—570-368-3907