



## The Episcopal Diocese of Spokane

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### ***Diocesan Matching Grants Available for Congregational MDG Projects***

The Diocese of Spokane has reserved \$4,000, nearly two-thirds of its 2008 diocesan budget MDG line item, for matching grants to congregations. The Social Justice and Outreach Ministries Commission (SJOM) unanimously adopted the matching grant proposal from its Millennium Development Goals Committee at its February 23 meeting in Moses Lake, Washington.

The intention is to foster new or expanded MDG initiatives by local congregations, and to encourage diocesan-wide involvement in the essential, Gospel-based work of eliminating extreme poverty in the developing world.

A congregation may apply for a grant if its vestry or bishop's committee has adopted an MDG resolution, and the congregation engages in educational efforts about the MDGs as well as supports a project or projects impacting at least one of the eight MDG goals somewhere in the developing world.

The Diocese will award \$1 for every \$2 contributed by the congregation, up to a maximum grant of \$400. The project must have a designated coordinator in the congregation; the one-page application, signed by the project coordinator and the congregation's person-in-charge, must be received no later than June 1, 2008. Award decisions will be made by July 7, 2008, and final grant amounts will depend on the number of applications received.

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