

Operation Manna “**Connection**” Questionnaire

Introduction

You may be completing this questionnaire because your church is requesting Operation Manna funding for a new program in your church.

OR

You may be completing this questionnaire because your church supports an organization that is submitting an application for Operation Manna funding.

It is important to know that the purpose of Operation Manna (OM) is *to engage Christian Reformed Churches in community ministries that seek to bring about sustainable change in individuals and communities experiencing significant needs*. Completion of this questionnaire is one of the tools used to identify the existing relationship between an OM applicant and the local Christian Reformed Church (CRC), and highlight plans to grow that relationship over time. It asks, “What is the **Connection** between the funded ministry and the local CRC?”

The questionnaire may be the starting point for a conversation between the church and the OM applicant. It is intended to facilitate a discussion within the church, and with the ministry that is applying for funding, to clarify expectations and identify opportunities for growing a ministry partnership. You are encouraged to discuss the questionnaire with the OM applicant, and provide them with a copy when it is completed. It will be discussed at the on-site visit, another step in the application process.

Responses to this questionnaire should be discussed by a minimum of three people to ensure a breadth of ownership by the church. We encourage you to include members of your church leadership, an elder and a deacon, along with the pastor, and any others involved in this particular ministry.

Please fax or email your responses to Operation Manna/Diaconal Ministries Canada by October 15.

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*Please remember to send a copy of the completed questionnaire to the OM applicant.

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Name of Church: _____

If the applicant for Operation Manna funding is not a Christian Reformed Church,

Name of Operation Manna applicant supported by this church:

Names of people participating in the conversation to complete this questionnaire:

Date: _____

1. Do your church’s vision and/or mission statement include community ministry?
2. What has your church’s involvement in community ministry looked like in the past?
3. What are some exciting stories that come to mind from these past experiences?
4. What do some of your current community ministry activities look like?
5. What does your church do well in terms of community ministry? What gifts and talents are members of the church contributing?
6. Is there a prayer group, or small groups, that pray for these community ministry activities on a regular basis?
7. Has your church considered doing a Community Opportunity Scan?
8. What is it about this Operation Manna partnership that resonates with your church’s strengths and vision of community ministry?
9. How do you envision your church’s involvement with this ministry unfolding over time? How will the church contribute to, and nurture, the relationship with the OM applicant?
10. What expectations do you have of the OM applicant that will contribute to the church and the ministry mutually benefiting from this partnership?
11. What challenges do you envision with regards to growing this partnership / ministry?

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