



sabbath · study · service

2015 Application

S3 Requirements for Groups:

- ❖ Complete applications for individual and peer group project participation.
- ❖ Develop an outline for a structured, intentional peer group learning experience which will be refined at the S3 project orientation. This plan is created collaboratively with your peer group and in conversation with S3 project team. Each peer group final plan must be approved by the S3 Project Team prior to receiving grant funding.
- ❖ Implement the learning experience, completing project reflections in a timely way.
- ❖ Meet together five times per year during the project.
- ❖ Attend the Annual S3 Project Retreat while your group is a part of the project. **2015 Dates are August 24-26.** (The S3 Project funding, along with seed money from your local church CEU budget, covers cost of program, double room and most meals). Each participant is responsible for incidental expenses and travel.
- ❖ Maintain financial records of project expenditures funded by the S3 Project.
- ❖ Complete final written evaluation/reflections.

Instructions for completing application

There are two applications forms: an individual application required of all participants and a peer learning group project application required of each group:

- ❖ In the Group Application you are asked to describe your group's learning experience. It is expected that descriptions of learning projects made in the initial application may change or expand as the group works on their project plan during the annual retreat.
- ❖ Complete all questions, noting the word limits indicated. Please be concise.
- ❖ Applications should word processed, saved as a Word file or .PDF and sent to jasbell@vinevillemethodist.org
- ❖ Print and sign individual applications. The Group Project application should be signed by the primary contact person.
- ❖ The original, signed documents must be submitted electronically and postmarked no later than July 1, to:

Rev. Dr. Jimmy R. Asbell, Jr., Chair
South Georgia S3 Project
Vineville UMC
2045 Vineville Ave.
Macon, Ga. 31204

The S3 Project Team will review applications. Successful applicants will be notified by July 15.

S3 Project Peer Group Application (Deadline July 1)

Only one Peer Group Application is needed per group – each member of the group will fill out the individual participant application

Please use an attachment sheet for answers, but do not exceed word limits. It is expected that your group will discuss and be familiar with your answers below.

Name of proposed project peer group (come up with a creative name that reflects your group):

Who is a part of your peer group?

(Minimum six to maximum eight participants: Individual S3 Project Applications for each participant required)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Who will be the primary contact person for your group? _____

1. Has your group functioned together before? _____ If so, for how long? _____
2. Briefly describe your group. (20 words maximum)
3. Describe your group's idea for a collaborative learning project/experience. (75 words maximum)
4. How does your project address the themes of Sabbath, Study, and Service (75 words maximum)
5. The S3 project requires your peer group to meet together five times per year. Given variables such as time, distance, resources, and learning goals, how does your group plan to fulfill this requirement? (50 words maximum)
6. What outcomes or results do you expect from your participation in the S3 project? (50 words maximum)
7. Assuming your application and subsequent learning project proposal are successful, in general, how do you plan to use the funds available to you as a part of this project? (50 words maximum)
8. Why is participation in the S3 project important to your group? (50 words maximum)
9. How might the focus and implementation of your group's peer learning project contribute to your pastoral ministry? (50 words maximum)
10. How might it contribute to other pastors who are seeking to strengthen their ministry? (50 words maximum)

My signature below indicates that the members of the group listed above have reviewed the information provided in this application and share the perspectives voiced in this document.

Signature of Group Contact Person

Date

S3 Project Individual Participant Application (Deadline, July 1)

Each member of the group must complete this form

Name of proposed project learning group

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Home address: _____

Mailing address

City

State

Zip

Telephone: (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Date of Ordination as Elder/Deacon: _____

Current Appointment: _____

I expect to serve in my present position for the next two years:

Yes _____ No _____

If no, describe how you plan to ensure your ability to participate in the S3 project: _____

Please list the last four churches/agencies you have served, beginning with most recent:

Church/Agency

Time Served:From/To

Size of Church/Agency

College: _____ Degree: _____ Date: _____

Seminary: _____ Degree: _____ Date: _____

Other post graduate degrees: _____

Why are you interested in participating in the S3 project? What do you hope to gain? (30 words maximum)

Have you previously been part of a peer learning group? Yes _____ No _____

If so, for how long? _____ How frequently did it meet? _____ Size? _____

What is the most recent continuing education you engaged in?

I have talked with my family about participating in the S3 project and they are supportive.
Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain:

I have discussed my participation in the S3 project with my Staff Parish Relations Committee, and they are supportive. Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain:

I have discussed my participation in the S3 project with my District Superintendent, and he/she is supportive. Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain:

To Staff Parish Chair (or appropriate supervisor, required): By signing this application, your committee understands that your pastor is committing to a two year program of pastoral excellence funded and supervised by a special S3 Project Grant approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Order of Elders of the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. This will require five meetings with his/her peer group per year for two years (these meetings may be weekdays or weekends, determined by the peer group). The S3 program will provide all the required Continuing Education needed for the pastor for each of the two years. The S3 program requires that the local church provide \$150 per year to the S3 program per year for two years (\$150 in August 2015 and \$150 in August 2016.) These monies may come from your continuing education budget or private donation. It will be made payable to St. Paul UMC and mailed to Rev. Dr. Shane Green, Attn: S3 Project, PO Box 5116, Columbus, GA 31906. **Please send by or before August 15th of each year.** Your signature below signifies that your local church agrees to the above:

Signature of Staff Parish Chair:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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