

**APPLICATION FOR A LOAN OR GRANT FOR
A RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT**

All applications should be forwarded by the annual deadline of October 15th to:

The Parish Relations Task Group
Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
1340 Cathedral Lane
Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Z1

Background

On May 26, 2011, the Diocesan Synod of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island approved amendments to the terms of reference of the Church Extension Fund.

The Fund was renamed the Church Extension and Ministry Development Fund and provision was made for funding of parish missions. Synod resolved, “That, in addition to assisting parishes by providing loans and mortgages for land acquisition, new construction, or repairs and renovations to parish property, the income, but not the principal of the Fund, may be used to provide loans or grants to develop and support parish ministries and parish programming”.

Synod further resolved, “That Diocesan Council establish terms and conditions on which such loans, mortgages, and grants may be made by the Fund to parishes”.

On (date of decision), Diocesan Council approved amendments to the terms of the Church Extension and Ministry Development Fund for the provision of loans or grants for parish renewable energy projects. As a result, the Fund may now provide a loan or grant to a church or parish for the establishment of a renewable energy project.

Definition of Renewable Energy

Natural Resources Canada, Government of Canada website defines renewable energy as energy derived from natural processes that are replenished at a rate that is equal to or faster than the rate at which they are consumed. There are various forms of renewable energy, deriving directly or indirectly from the sun, or from heat generated deep within the earth. They include energy generated from solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower and ocean resources, solid biomass, biogas and liquid biofuels. Biomass, however, is a renewable resource only if its rate of consumption does not exceed its rate of regeneration.

A wide range of energy-producing technologies and equipment have been developed over time to take advantage of these natural resources. As a result, usable energy can be produced in the form of electricity, industrial heat, thermal energy for space and water conditioning, and transportation fuels.

The loan or grant will not exceed \$10,000 or 50% of the project whichever is the less. The determination as to whether loan or grant shall be at the discretion of the Diocesan Management Team.

Application Form

Name of Church or Parish: _____

Location of Church or Parish: _____

Name and Address of Contact Person for the Project: _____

Estimated Project Cost: _____

Amount of Funding Requested: _____

Proposed Repayment Schedule: _____

List any Current Loans (amount borrowed and amount owed):

Describe the proposed project and why you consider it to be a renewable energy project.

If you have to remove an oil tank, what is the cost estimate of its removal?

Was your allotment paid in full last year? _____ Previous years? _____

If not, please explain why. _____

Please provide any additional information that you think might help the Committee in their deliberations. _____

Please attach an extract of the minutes of Parish Council which approved this project.