



**North Carolina Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Funding Guidelines Michael Peeler/Virginia Casey Funds**

The Michael Peeler Fund was established in 1955 under the will of Michael Peeler, a Salisbury businessman and member of St. John's, Salisbury. The income gifted to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod was "to be used by the synod each year wherever it is needed most for the advancement of the Kingdom of God."

The Virginia Casey Fund was established in 2007 by a gift from the trust of Virginia W. Casey. Mrs. Casey was a native of Davie County and member of Gloria Dei, Salisbury. She served the North Carolina Synod as secretary to former bishops George Whittecar and Ernest Misenheimer. Mrs. Casey asked that the gift to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod "be used to glorify God and promote the work of the Church," with an emphasis on identifying and equipping leaders; and reaching out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

The investments are managed by trustees elected by Synod Council and are held, along with other long term endowments, by the North Carolina Synod Foundation.

Synod Council uses a grant process that includes recommendations from its Peeler/Casey Committee to distribute these funds, giving priority to proposals that consider the Synod Council's mission and vision:

**MISSION:** Walking Together

**VISION:** Together As the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA, God Calls us to...

Cultivate and Celebrate Vital Congregations  
Identify, Equip, and Nurture Whole and Healthy Leaders  
Embrace and Engage in Collaboration  
Proclaim the Promise of the Resurrection with a Prophetic Voice  
...All for the Sake of the World

Synod Council may, at its sole discretion, choose to expend monies for any other purpose as long as, in its opinion, the expenditure is used in accordance with the bequests of Mr. Peeler and Mrs. Casey.

Ministries of primary interest include:

- Church leadership development
- Underserved populations
- Mission development
- Caring for Creation
- Education
- Social Services
- Health
- Activities for Youth and Young Adults
- Overall Community Need
- Congregation beginning New Ministries

Examples of previous grants awarded include but are not limited to:

- Start-up funds for tutoring programs for at-risk youth
- Consultants on evangelism and revitalization for a group of congregations
- Sabbaticals for rostered leaders
- Mission projects for the under-served or un-churched

Allocations will not be made for:

- More than a two-year period for the same project
- Reimbursement for completed projects
- Ongoing salaries
- Reimbursement for monies spent before September 15
- Websites
- Endowment Funds
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- More than 10% of the Michael Peeler funds for that year
- More than 20% of the Virginia Casey funds for that year

All grant requests must be accompanied by an official copy of your governing body's minutes approving your request. If your project is approved to receive a grant award by the Peeler/Casey Committee you will receive a letter and a check announcing your award in mid-September.

**Submission packet should contain**

- \_\_\_ the entire application
  - \_\_\_ copy of governing board's minutes approving your request
  - \_\_\_ end of year report (if applying for the second year in a row)
- (Incomplete packets will not be considered for funding.)

**Mail to**

**Peeler/Casey Funds  
North Carolina Lutheran Synod Office  
1988 Lutheran Synod Drive  
Salisbury, NC 28144**

**Important Dates**

**JUNE 30** Application Deadline

**MID-SEPTEMBER** Notification Timeline

**NOVEMBER 1 OF FOLLOWING YEAR** End of Year Report due