

S3 Project Application

S3 Project requirements for peer learning groups:

- ❖ Complete applications for individual and peer group project participation.
- ❖ Develop a structured, intentional peer group learning plan following the project orientation. This plan is created collaboratively with your peer group and in conversation with project staff. Each peer group final learning plan must be approved by the S3 Project Committee prior to receiving grant funding.
- ❖ Implement the learning plan, completing project reports in a timely way.
- ❖ Meet together regularly during the project.
- ❖ Attend the S3 Project Orientation Retreat while your group is a part of the project. (The S3 Project covers cost of program, double room and on-campus meals; assistance with transportation may be available for those accepted into the project. Each participant is responsible for incidental expenses.)
- ❖ Maintain financial records of project expenditures funded by the S3 Project.
- ❖ Complete final written evaluation.

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 project. 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-compatible document sent electronically to ericksons@ctsnet.edu. Please, no PDFs.
- ❖ Print and sign individual applications. The Group Project application should be signed by the contact person.
- ❖ The original, signed documents must be submitted electronically *and* postmarked no later than Sept. 30, 2011, to Sarah F. Erickson, S3 Project Coordinator Director of Lifelong Learning Columbia Theological Seminary, 701 S. Columbia Drive, P.O. Box 520 Decatur, GA 30031. The S3 Project Committee will review applications. Successful applicants will be notified by Oct. 14, 2011.

S3 Project Peer Group Project Application

Name of proposed project or peer group

a. Who is a part of your peer learning group?

(Four to six participants. Attach completed individual S3 Project Applications for each participant.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

b. Who is the primary contact person for your group?

c. Has your group functioned as a group before? _____ If yes, for how long? _____

d. Briefly describe your group. (15 words maximum)

e. Describe your group's idea for a collaborative learning project. (75 words maximum)

f. How does your project address the broad themes of the S3 Project: Sabbath, Study, and Service? (75 words maximum)

g. The S3 Project requires peer groups to meet together regularly during their participation in the project. Given variables such as time, distance, resources, and learning goals, how does your group plan to fulfill this requirement? (50 words maximum)

h. What outcomes or results do you expect from your participation in the S3 Project? (50 words maximum)

i. 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)

j. Why is participation in the S3 project important to your group? (50 words maximum)

k. How might the focus and implementation of your group's peer learning project 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

Name of proposed project or peer learning group

Name _____

first

middle

last

Home address _____

mailing address (street, PO Box) City

State

Zip code

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

Email address _____

Date of birth _____

Denomination _____ Date of ordination _____

As far as I am aware, I expect to continue to serve in my present position for the next two years.

Yes _____ No _____

If no, describe how do you plan to ensure your ability to participate in the S3 Project if your work changes.

Please list the last four churches or agencies you have served, beginning with the current congregation:

church/agency /position time of service size of church/agency

_____ From _____ to _____

_____ From _____ to _____

_____ From _____ to _____

_____ From _____ to _____

College _____ Degree _____ Date _____

Seminary _____ Degree _____ Date _____

Other postgraduate degrees

Why are you interested in participating in the S3 Project? What do you hope to gain from participating in a peer learning group? (30 words maximum)

Have you previously been a part of a peer learning group? Yes _____ No _____ If so, for how long? _____ How frequently did it meet? _____ What size? _____

What is the most recent continuing education activity that you have engaged in?

I have talked with my family members about participation in the S3 Project, and they are supportive. Yes_____ No_____ If no, please explain.

I have discussed my participation in the S3 project with the appropriate lay leader of my congregation, and he or she is supportive. Yes_____ No_____ If no, please explain.

I have discussed my participation in the S3 Project with the appropriate judicatory official in my denomination, and he or she is supportive. Yes_____ No_____ If no, please explain.

Signature of applicant date