The Missionary Society continues to be an integral part of the life of Virginia Seminary, as it has been since 1835. The Society provides a link between those in the mission field and members of the community. That link has included not only sending members of this community out into the world but also receiving many international students into our community.

The Missionary Society is committed to building relationships with those applying for grants, making the grant process an educational experience for the student body and the applicant. Those who would like to apply for a grant should complete the form on the following page and mail it to the Missionary Society.

The application process is as follows:

1. Complete and return the application by September 1.
2. The student body will select the projects to be funded during the following Easter.
3. All applicants will be notified as to whether or not they will receive a grant.

The following are criteria for funding projects:

1. Projects must have well-defined goals and state clearly how funds will be used.
2. Applications must be complete, including being approved and signed by the bishop or other appropriate authority.
3. Grants will not be awarded directly to any student currently enrolled at VTS or another seminary.

Preference will be given to projects which: (Under extraordinary circumstances this preference may be waived by the Society.)

1. Demonstrate that spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is an integral part of the overall effort.
2. Will either be completed with the funds given or stimulate further giving on the part of other organizations.
3. Through meeting capital costs will become self-supporting (rather than remaining dependent on outside maintenance).
4. Will be implemented in countries outside the United States.
5. Have not been funded in both of the two immediately preceding years. The Society cannot commit to a long term financial relationship with applicants.

We do not wish to raise unrealistic expectations among prospective applicants. The Society has limited funds, which are received from weekly offerings during the worship life of the Seminary community. In the recent past, grants have usually averaged about $2,000.
Missionary Society Grant Application

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Application must be received by September 1st to receive a grant the following calendar year.

1. Name and address of the organization (or individual) for which the grant is requested: _______________
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2. Amount requested (in U.S. Dollars):_______________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________

3. Are you requesting assistance from any other grant organization?________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________

4. What connection, if any, does the organization named about have to Virginia Seminary?:_____________
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5. Your name, title, address and e-mail address (person completing the form):_______________________
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6. On a separate sheet of paper please provide a one to two-page, detailed description of the project. Please send photographs, if possible.

Signature of supervising officer or bishop:____________________________________________________

In the event of approval, name of bank account where funds should be sent:_____________________

Bank name and address:___________________________________________________________________

Account name and number:______________________________________________________________

Bank SWIFT Code:_____________________________________________________________________

Your signature:_________________________________________________________________________

Please mail your application to:

The Missionary Society
Attn: Grants Committee
Virginia Theological Seminary
Seminary Post Office
Alexandria, Virginia 22304, U.S.A.