

CHAPTER CHALLENGE GRANT FORM

In order to encourage the development of Augustana District Chapters, the Augustana District Council has authorized three (3) grants, up to \$5,000 each, to establish Augustana's first Chapters. Each grant will be authorized and granted by the District Council upon review of the completed application.

The District Council welcomes all chapter ideas that will help further the ministry and mission of the Augustana District. Chapter leader applicants are asked to describe their chapter idea on the form provided. **The only stipulation is that chapter development focus on at least one (if not all three) of Augustana's main tenets (described below): *Theology. Church. Mission.***

Theology

The Augustana District exists to preserve and proclaim a classic "theology of the cross" that keeps the cross and resurrection of our Lord at its center. Our core theological convictions include traditional understandings of: justification of the ungodly by faith alone, the bondage of the will, the proper distinction of law and gospel, the two kingdoms and vocation.

Church

At its core, the church is the assembly of believers among whom the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly. Christians throughout the ages have recognized that some measure of organizing collectively is helpful for oversight and mission. St. Paul urged the churches in Corinth and Colossae to keep "good order." In the same way, the Augustana District exists to provide some structure and organization that protect and enhance both the ministry of local congregations, as well as ministry done collectively.

Mission

The Augustana Districts expects its congregations to be actively engaged in the Great Commission, locally and globally. Banding together and organizing for collective mission and assisting other church bodies around the world are tasks most congregations are unable to do alone. The Board for World Missions studies and vets mission partners around the world in order that congregations can have confidence that their mission dollars are spent wisely.

Chapter Name _____ Chapter Leader _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Grant Request Amount _____ Date _____

Describe below the focus of your chapter, the idea for the use of the grant monies and how your chapter will further Augustana's commitment to *Theology, Church and/or Mission*.