

Grace DC – Financial Assistance Form



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Name: _____ Date: _____

One purpose of the Grace DC Diaconate is to assist people in the Grace DC community with financial needs using money collected each month during the worship service. This money has been set aside to use for special financial needs in our community, including helping members and regular attenders to pay financial needs that arise. This could include help with bills, housing payments, transportation costs, food assistance, and various other needs.

The questions below are designed to ensure that we are stewarding financial resources as carefully as possible so that we might help as many as we can. To that end, please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible and submit this form via email to diaconate@gracedc.net, with the subject line: Financial Assistance. We will contact you for a follow-up conversation, which could take place via email, phone, or in person.

1) Are you currently a member or regular attender in the Grace DC network? How long have you been a part of our community? (*Note: this assistance is intended for members or regular attenders first and then to friends of the community.*)

2) Please explain your specific request, with both a description of the need and a monetary value. Also explain, as much as you feel comfortable, your financial situation at this time.

3) Are you able to cover any of the requested costs? If you are able, we ask that you consider contributing and encourage you to tighten expenses where necessary in order to do so.

4) Have you documented your income and expenses over the course of a month and developed a budget accordingly? If you need assistance creating and/or managing a budget, please note that here; the diaconate is available to help you.

5) Would you be interested in having someone from the session (church elders) or Women's Leadership Council contact you in order to pray for you?

Important Note: The Diaconate approves financial assistance for both 'one-off' needs and for ongoing needs. Assistance for additional needs may be available. When the amount of money is approved for a specific need, and another need arises, *please contact the Grace DC Diaconate at the email address above and we will walk you through the process for renewal.* Please know anything you share with the diaconate is confidential and will never be shared with anyone outside of church leadership.