"Church and Science Working Together to Cultivate Resilience in the Face of Suffering" Multnomah Biblical Seminary/Jessup University

SECF Grant Cohort Participant Application Form

Full Name:
Professional Title and Church Ministry Context*:
Location (Rocklin, CA Region or Portland, OR Region):
Personal and Ecclesial Resonance with Grant Aims (300 words):
Mental Health Practitioner** (who has already agreed to partner in the initiative for the duration of the grant; please provide name, licensure/title, and vocational setting):

Succinct Statement of Agreement (Agreement entails the following: <u>Participation {onsite in Rocklin or Portland}</u> in all official meetings, specifically, a conference event in the autumn of 2025, a total of six webinar/workshop events from 2025-2026, and a closing gathering at the end of the grant cycle in 2026; <u>Partnership</u> with a mental health practitioner for the entire grant cycle;

<u>Implementation</u> of grant aims and resources in personal life and ministry settings; <u>Reflections</u> on experiences from personal and ecclesial life related to grant themes; and <u>Documentation</u> of concrete steps taken to develop and sustain pastoral care programs in specific congregational settings):
Other Thoughts for Review Committee's Consideration:

*The goal of this grant venture is to support the flourishing of congregations through engagement with science. All participants in the cohorts, whether clergy or laity, must be in strategic positions through which they can support and sustain pastoral and congregational engagement of the grant objectives. Missional leaders with robust, ongoing pastoral and ecclesial connections and who have the capacity to develop and sustain pastoral care programs and strategies within one or more congregations may apply.

**Each cohort participant is expected to find and partner with a licensed mental health practitioner for the duration of the grant cycle and, along with their partnering congregations, is responsible for any vetting of counselors and financial arrangements. Successful applicants will be required to show finalization of agreement with a licensed mental health practitioner by July 31st.

Please submit your <u>completed application</u> as a PDF along with PDFs of <u>two letters of reference</u> (one from a pastoral colleague and one from the church board chair of a participating congregation) to secf@jessup.edu by <u>May 15th</u>. The letters of reference should reflect upon your strategic role and aptitude through which you can support and sustain pastoral and congregational engagement of the grant objectives. Applicants will receive notification of decisions sometime in late June. Thank you!