

What information do we require you to provide with your application?

Any applications regarding **projects** must provide the following details:

- Objective(s) of the project
- Planned actions or activities
- Budget and contributions by applying organisation
- Your organisation's funder(s) and its/their financial situation
- Co-funding organisation(s) (if applicable)

Any applications regarding **training and/or further education** must provide the following details:

- Objective(s)
- Type, duration and location
- Organiser
- Cost and applicant's own contributions
- Co-funding organisation(s) and/or individual(s) (if applicable)

Any applications regarding **general integration activities or work** must provide the following details:

- Your organisation's funder(s) and its/their financial situation
- Objective(s) of activities/work
- Activities
- Co-funding organisation(s) (if applicable)



Where and by when should applications be submitted?

Any applications should reach the following address no later than 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 30 November:

Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn

OeME-Migration, Altenbergstrasse 66

Postfach 511, 3000 Bern 25

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Where can you find more information?

Please contact the above for any further information and informal advice, and to obtain a copy of the regulations governing «Migrant Churches and Integration» funding.

Publications/Background material

- Reformierte Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn, Fachstelle Migration (Benz H.R. Schär) 2005: Zusammen Kirche sein. Das Verhältnis von Migrationsgemeinden und Ortskirchen (in French and German)
- Reformierte Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn, Fachstelle Migration (Sabine Jaggi, Benz H.R. Schär) 2009: Gottes Volk hat viele Farben. Migrationskirchen als Herausforderung und Chance für die Reformierten Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn (in French and German)
- Schweizerischer Evangelischer Kirchenbund SEK (Simon Röthlisberger, Matthias Wüthrich) 2009: Neue Migrationskirchen in der Schweiz, SEK Studie 2, Bern (in French and German)
- <http://www.refbejuso.ch/inhalte/migration-integration/migrationskirchen.html> (in French and German)
- <http://www.refbejuso.ch/standpunkte/migrationskirchen.html> (in French and German)



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Being Church Together

Contributions to
«Migrant Churches and Integration»

Being Church Together!

- Do you belong to a church in which immigrants celebrate their faith together? Would you like to realise a joint project with a Reformed parish?
- Are you a member of a Reformed parish in the catchment area of the Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn? Are you planning to organise a day of encounter, or some other activity with a migrant church?



- Are you seeking a contribution towards a training event and/or further education that will enhance your leadership skills in your migrant church?
- Are you seeking a contribution towards integration work and activities provided by your migrant church?

... if so, you may wish to read on.

The brochure will tell you how you can obtain funding towards your activities. So that «Being Church Together» may become reality.

What is this?

**«Just as a body, though one,
has many parts, but all its many parts
form one body, so it is with Christ.»**

1. Cor. 12,12

Today many people from diverse cultural, national and religious backgrounds live together in Switzerland. Many of them are Christian immigrants, who meet in so-called migrant churches. These churches and their members are also part of the reformatory family.

Being church together is a challenge and an opportunity – both for the local and for immigrant Christians. We require respect of and consideration for each other. We also need to engage in joint activities and give each other support.

The Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn took an important step in this direction in 2009 by clarifying their position in regard to migrant churches, which they defined as a new ecumenical relationship. In particular, cooperation is to be strengthened with so-called «new migrant churches» that have arisen from migrant movements in the past twenty years.

An important instrument towards achieving this is a contribution from the Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn of CHF 30 000.– for each year from 2011 to 2014.

Who may apply?

Migrant churches, parishes and individuals from the catchment area of the Reformed Churches of Bern-Jura-Solothurn.



What project(s) may receive funding?

Applications received from the following institutions and individuals will be submitted to an assessment:

- Integration projects and initiatives initiated by migrant churches
- Projects and initiatives to facilitate and/or promote encounters and contacts between Reformed parishes and migrant churches
- Training and/or further education of migrant church members in leadership positions
- Support of general integration work and activities provided by migrant churches

Any project to further encounters or integration may obtain funding on no more than two occasions. General integration work and activities provided by any migrant church, as well as training and/or further education for migrant church members in leadership positions may obtain funding on several occasions.