

Mikes' Mission Notes

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

As everyone prepares for Lent, and a meaningful season of reflection, prayer, preparation and meditation, some of you may be thinking about possible mission projects within your congregation, or projects your congregation is involved with.



As you are thinking about these projects, please remember that there are Mission grants available! Wondering what sorts of projects get approved? All the projects that get highlighted in the monthly mission highlights are projects that received some sort of grant from the presbytery.

So, as you are thinking of projects think also about grants. All grants applications require the universal Part I and the appropriate part II, which can all be found on the Presbytery's website <https://www.thepresbytery.org/resources-congregations/ncp-common-grants-and-scholarships>

Here are the Mission related grants available to Congregations:

The Global Mission Grants for international projects have a fast approaching deadline for their congregational partnership matching grants: March 31st. Completed applications can be sent to myself mmcnamara@thepresbytery.org as well and Judith Dahmann jdahmann@mitre.org Find more info for this grant at <http://www.nationalcapitalmission.org/mikes-blog/2018/2/20/global-mission-network-grant-deadline>

The Earth Care Network provides Power to Change Grants. These grants used to apply only to projects that involved lower carbon emission, but the scope was recently expanded to cover all sorts of Environmental related projects. More info can be found here: https://www.thepresbytery.org/application/files/5414/8467/8766/Earth_Care_Application_Part_II_Revised_09-2016.pdf

The Mission Coordination committee facilitates the dispersal of Local Mission Grants. These are matching grants intended to catalyze local mission projects. These are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed at Mission Coordination Committee Meetings on the Second Thursday of every month (excepting July & August). Grant must be in a week before the meeting date to be reviewed during the upcoming meeting. More info can be found here: https://www.thepresbytery.org/application/files/4214/5375/3641/Local_Mission_Grant_Part_II.pdf There are also specific additional funds available for congregations seeking to do Community Organizing with the local IAF Affiliates (AIM, WIN, VOICE, PLAN) and grants for Young Adult ministries.

For all these grants, if you have questions or need help filling the applications out, or are just wondering if your project applies to the grant criteria, I am also available to discussion any aspects of the grant process and work with you to make sure the grant application has the best possible chance of approval. Please feel free to send me an email at any time: mmcnamara@presbytery.org and I will get back to you as soon as I can and work with you on the application process.

Together We Are Making A Difference!