

**PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY
MISSION PARTNERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Presbytery Council is grateful to be in ministry partnership with you on behalf of the presbytery. As you contemplate applying for one of these funds, please bear this in mind:

- Grants are given for ministry and activities that are approved by the session and that have not yet taken place. Generally speaking these grants are not intended to be reimbursements for projects that have already been implemented, because that signifies some missed opportunities for how the project could have been more of a partnership with the Presbytery. Of course, if the project was a response to an emergency that will be taken into account, but the Council still looks forward to being involved in an emergency response as early as possible.
- Be open to cooperation with neighboring churches and organizations as you plan your ministry project.
- Call Eric at the Presbytery office if you have questions as you fill out the application.

We look forward to hearing from your church!

Presbytery Mission Support Grants

The mission mandate of Presbytery is to “create, connect and nurture congregations and other ministries to fulfill Christ’s mission” A partial fulfillment of that mandate includes funding partnerships directed to new and existing initiatives within the churches of the Presbytery. The Presbytery Council, Stewardship Ministry Team will receive applications for congregational activities, evaluate the requests, and make recommendations to Presbytery Council for funding as appropriate. Funding is available in the form of grants and matching grants as detailed by the fund description.

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY GRANT FUNDS

MISSION GRANTS

The Mission Grant Fund is a resource for grants and matching grants for projects in partnership with the presbytery. Church projects funded must be a new church mission initiative and/or church redevelopment and revitalization project, especially those including the application of computer and communications technologies to support ministry. Disbursements from the fund may be provided in a single year or multi-year commitment. Mission Grants may be in the form of grants or matching grants. The amount of each grant generally does not exceed \$3,500 in a single year. Council’s Stewardship Ministry Team will review applications. Recipients must turn

in a yearly progress report (if awarded a multi-year grant) and a final report upon completion of the grant timeline (if awarded a single or multi-year grant). All mission and redevelopment projects will be considered, however, priority will be given to projects that reflect mission partnership initiatives between two or more churches and/or those that include a matching funds component.

PEACEMAKING FUND

The Peacemaking Fund provides for matching grants funded through the Presebytery portion of the Peacemaking special offering held each year. The fund provides for a single year matching grant of up to \$2,000 distributed to up to two PWV churches to support programs that promote peacemaking in areas such as justice, reconciliation, advocacy and conflict resolution.

Applications may cover program expenses as well as expenses related to attending peacemaking conferences and trainings. Council's Stewardship Ministry Team will review these applications. Recipients must turn in a final report twelve months after grant approval.

Application

Approval: The Coordinating Council delegates the Stewardship Ministry Team (SMT) the specific job of reviewing applications. The SMT will receive applications for congregational activities, evaluate the requests, and make recommendations to Presbytery Council for funding as appropriate.

Submissions: Applications for a grant must be addressed to the Coordinating Council through the Presbytery office, sent to the attention of the General Presbyter. The Council's SMT will consider each application, utilizing the criteria explained below, at their stated meetings generally held the second Thursday of each month. Please submit your application at least two months in advance of a stated meeting and three months prior to the anticipated expenditure. The only exceptions are requests for the emergency relief funding, which will be reviewed at a meeting of the Council's SMT within a month of when the application was turned in.

Eligible Projects:

The Council's SMT will consider congregational requests for funding of projects:

- encouraging opportunities for partnerships with existing churches and/or the presbytery;
- providing opportunities for spiritual growth and deepening theological understanding for groups of all ages;
- providing a sustainable benefit to a local PWV congregation;
- reflecting a commitment to inclusiveness and diversity.

Reporting:

Applicants will report on progress toward the achievement of measurable goals and provide a detailed report of expenditures to date. Recipients must turn in a yearly progress report (if awarded a multi-year grant) and a final report upon completion of the grant timeline (if awarded a single or multi-year grant or loan). Reports are addressed to the Coordinating Council through the Presbytery Office, to the attention of the General Presbyter. The Council's SMT will review the reports and communicate a project's progress to the Council.

The Presbytery will only grant requests for session-approved programs run by the church or in partnership with a local organization or a Presbyterian Church (USA) group.

Projects which include hands-on involvement of members from the requesting PWV church will receive a higher priority.

Funding for agencies, organizations and/or churches shall be in partnership with PWV and/or with a PWV church.

Applications shall include a copy of the minutes from the session meeting when this project was approved (signed by Moderator and Clerk of the Session).

Presbytery of Wabash Valley – Mission/Peacemaking Grant Application

Date Submitted: _____

Name and address of PWV church applying for Funds:

Name of contact person who can answer questions about this request:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Request: Grant Matching Grant

Commitment is: One year Two or more years

Request is for: New initiative An existing project

Select Presbytery Permanent or Budgeted Fund Source:

Peacemaking Mission Grant

Amount requested: _____

Our church is current on Presbytery's: Per Capita Mission Pledge

When do you need the funding? _____

Project Timeline (beginning and end dates): _____

Attach copy of the minutes from the session meeting when this project was approved (signed by Moderator and Clerk of the Session)

For Council use: APPROVED – Date _____

Authorization Initials _____

Fund # _____ Fund Name _____

Approved Amount \$ _____

Briefly describe the project (*highlight how your church members are involved*):

How does the project help your church make disciples for Jesus Christ, address the needs of all God's children and/or show God's love in mission?

List clearly stated goals for the project, along with related measurable, realistic, and time-sensitive objectives:

List measurable outcomes that will enhance the mission of the applicant congregation and of the Presbytery:

Provide copies of any research your church has done which led to the creation of this project (needs assessment, demographic study, map of the community's assets, or similar research):

Identify opportunities for working with interfaith, ecumenical, or other Presbyterian congregations (*if applicable*):

Funding Questions:

- Attach Project's Budget. Provide detailed total cost of project and contributions from local churches and income from outside sources, matching funds/sources.

- Could the project proceed without presbytery funding?

Yes No

- If this project receives / seeks to receive Synod of Lincoln Trails or General Assembly funding, please attach the applications submitted for those funds.

- Has PWV funded this project at your church before?

Yes No

If so, provide details.

What are opportunities for replicating the project in other churches?