



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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The Synod of the Covenant Announces New Covenant and Racial Ethnic Grant Winners

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded almost \$45,000 in grants to thirteen congregations and ministries in six presbyteries. These awards, ranging from \$1800 to \$5000, include winners of the Racial Ethnic and New Covenant Grants.

The Racial Ethnic Grants, to help congregations primarily composed of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color supplement their mission work, include five winners. The New Covenant Grants program supports congregational vitality/renewal, multicultural and social justice ministries, and higher education ministries, and eight congregations and ministries received funding. Between the two grants, 32 applications were received.

Here are the grant awardees for the 2020:

Cincinnati Presbytery

Bond Hill Presbyterian Church

\$2,500 Racial Ethnic Grant for the Annual Christmas Basket Program Outreach

Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church

\$5,000 New Covenant Grant for the TEAMWorks Afterschool Program

Third Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati

\$5,000 Racial Ethnic Grant for the Recreation Center and the Cincinnati United Youth Council Programs

Detroit Presbytery

Hope Presbyterian Church

\$2,500 Racial Ethnic Grant for Building Repairs to Enable Youth Outreach

Mount Clemens Presbyterian Church

\$2,000 New Covenant Grant for a Consultant from the Center for Healthy Churches

Westminster Church of Detroit

\$5,000 New Covenant Grant for Technology to Enhance Worship and Children's Ministry



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Eastminster Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Warren (OH)

\$1800 New Covenant Grant for the Voices of Micah 6:8 Ministry of Racial Justice

Lake Huron Presbytery

Alma College

\$5,000 New Covenant Grant for Pre-Ministry Leadership Program

Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church

\$2,000 New Covenant Grant for Elder-Accessible Garden Beds with Community Garden

First Presbyterian Church of Alma

\$2,000 New Covenant Grant for the Food Pantry to Table Project and Community Cafe

The Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw

\$5,000 Racial Ethnic Grant for Signage Reflecting New Name for Two Merged Churches

Lake Michigan Presbytery

Greenwood Ministries Association

\$2,000 New Covenant Grant for Video Project Addressing Discrimination

The Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Saint Marks Presbyterian Church

\$5,000 Racial Ethnic Grant for Christian Jazz Vespers Outreach

These grants, as well as the Higher Education Scholarships previously announced, are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 700 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 100,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Lisa Allgood (Cincinnati Presbytery), Betty Angelini (Eastminster Presbytery), Chip Hardwick (Synod of the Covenant), and Brady Radford (Administrative Commission, Synod of the Covenant). In this Thanksgiving season, the committee is grateful for all who applied for these grants:

“In this Thanksgiving season, we are thankful for you. Peace and love with faith to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s grace to all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love that never ends” (Ephesians 6:23-24).