



Ministry and Mission Grants and Scholarships

Presbytery of Philadelphia

Covenant Fund: <http://presbyphl.org/crc/covenant-fund/>

The Covenant Fund Grant Program, which launches annually each spring, uses dollars from restricted funds to spark imaginative and collaborative ministries that benefit the communities surrounding our churches. Recipients of these grants have birthed new worshipping communities, launched social enterprises, hosted leadership development opportunities, constructed art studios for children, sustained hunger programs, and developed ESL ministries in diverse neighborhoods.

Maximum Grant Amount: \$15,000

Application Launch: April 1, 2017

Application Deadline: June 9, 2017

Recipient Announcement: August 1, 2017

Great Ends Grants: <http://presbyphl.org/great-ends-grants/>

The Great Ends Grants exist to empower church mission and ministry as they work towards the fulfillment of the great ends of the church. Great Ends Grants are available on a **rolling basis** and are to be submitted no later than one month prior to initiative seeking funding and by the last Tuesday of each month to ensure consideration at the next meeting of the Commission on Resources and Communications (second Tuesday of each month).

Diakonos Fund

The Diakonos Fund, *diakonos* is a variant of the Greek word meaning “one who serves,” supports new ministry initiatives and/or start-ups that provide for “the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.” Initiatives supported through this grant program have ranged from hunger alleviation efforts, overnight shelters to individuals experiencing homelessness, urban gardens, community dinners, etc. **Maximum Amount:** \$2,800

Ministry and Leadership Development Fund [formerly “Church Leadership Development”]

The Ministry and Leadership Development Fund equips the faithful to better proclaim the gospel and exhibit the kingdom of God near and far. Initiatives supported through this grant program have ranged from church officer training events, stewardship conferences, ministry and mission consultations, etc. This fund can also be utilized for start-up assistance related to new media initiatives, e.g. social network campaigns, website launch/development, and other digital platforms for gospel witness and telling the stories of ministry faithfulness. **Maximum Amount:** 2,500

Youth Leadership Fund

The Youth Leadership Fund partners with ministries that walk alongside and nurture the current generation of youth and young adults as relevant witnesses to the truth of the gospel made known in Jesus Christ. Initiatives supported through this grant program have ranged from scholarships to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and other youth conferences, local and international mission partnerships, youth spiritual formation and education programs, and ministry networks. **Maximum Amount:** \$1000

Peacemaking Fund

The Peacemaking Fund supports new ministry initiatives and/or start-ups that work towards, “the promotion of social righteousness and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world” through various peacemaking initiatives.” Initiatives that have been supported through this grant program have ranged from partnership with local gun violence awareness and prevention organizations, community organizing and service days, antiracism training events, etc. **Maximum Amount:** \$1,000

Self-Development of People: <http://presbyphl.org/leadership/committees/sdop/>

Self-Development of People provides community development grants aimed at empowering economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people. The grants, which are given to grassroots groups, are generally in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range. SDOP's goal is to "enable Presbyterians to be partners in development so that others may grow with dignity." The grants distributed by Self-Development of People are funded through special offerings collected via the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church: <http://www.bmpc.org/outreach/grants>

Outreach Council Grants are considered for Presbytery related ministries, and special consideration will be given to requests from the BMPC target area of West Philadelphia. Grants are given that involve the potential possibility of involvement by BMPC members and are ministries of compassion and justice that offer a potential for personal or community transformation and growth.

The Eugene C. Bay Fund for Urban Ministry is a charitable fund that is administered by Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church and makes grants to qualifying tax-exempt organizations. The Fund was established to support projects and programs that enhance the lives of residents of urban areas of Philadelphia, with a preference for West Philadelphia and the community of Chester. The Fund favors projects or programs that hold promise of systemic change, contain a significant self-help component, enhance the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual lives of children, encourage personal transformation and provide opportunities for urban and suburban residents to work and grow together. The Fund is particularly interested in programs that are "faith based" in the broadest sense. A project or programs, however, need not be connected to a religious institution.

Worldwide Ministries Grant: Our goal is to establish productive and meaningful partnerships for mission across the US and around the world. We are working toward fewer and deeper partnerships, and to that end we have a new focus on key criteria. Our new focus may mean that competition for grant money may be more challenging. On the other hand, it should mean that those whom we are able to fund will receive our full attention and a true partnership can develop between your organization and ours. Our plan is to promote those projects we fund throughout the life of our congregation – so that Sunday school classes may raise funds or send letters, youth may plan a mission trip to your site, and adults may meet to study your program and the issues that it involves. What all the partnership entails will of course be worked out with you according to your needs, gifts, and interests, as well as ours.

Shaull Award: This one-time award is designed to fund new mission undertakings and/or to provide support for remarkable mission leaders. To qualify, proposals must fall into the categories of justice or transformational ministry. It may be designated for salaries (of a project or a remarkable individual doing Kingdom work), buildings, sabbaticals, study, service programs, travel and other uses that promote the mission and ministry of Christ's Church in the world. This award requires a final report to be submitted to BMPC, including both financial accounting and programmatic narratives.

Synod of the Trinity

300th Anniversary Grants: <http://www.syntrinity.org/grants-300th-anniversary/>

Sowing the Future: In recognition and honor of our region's continuing participation in world mission, we are offering every presbytery the opportunity for a matching grant of \$3,000 towards a world mission project or partnership of their choice. **Deadline:** December 1, 2017

Freedom Grants: In response to the General Assembly priority around the plight of the African American male, we are offering grants to seed projects that relate to this concern across our communities. We will be offering six grants of \$5,000 (\$30,000 total). There will be a limit of one grant per city/municipality. **Deadline:** June 30, 2017

Other Synod of the Trinity Grants

Innovation Grants: Congregations, presbyteries and faith-based organizations are encouraged to dream and explore new and innovative possibilities for ministry and mission. Project initiatives must be "new," must be funded in partnership using new monies, and must support the ends of the Synod. These are one-time grants, with a maximum grant of \$20,000; additional funding of up to \$5,000 may be available when the grant request and implementation includes more than one presbytery. **Deadline:** May 1
<http://www.syntrinity.org/ministry-mission-applications/innovation/>

Partnership Grants: A partnership is a group of people from different congregations, presbyteries or organizations responding to Jesus' call. They are passionate about a common interest or concern, and they connect with one another to live out that call in ongoing ways. This grant is available for developing, connecting and nurturing a partnership. Synod Partnership Grant awards are ordinarily up to \$5,000 but may be as high as \$7,500 for new partnerships that include people from multiple presbyteries. Preference will be given to new partnerships. **Deadlines:** May 1 and November 1. <http://www.syntrinity.org/ministry-mission-applications/partnership/>

Peacemaking Grants: Peacemaking activity relating to the following regional issues will be considered for grants at this time: stewardship of the environment, gun violence, refugee and immigrant issues, racism/white privilege, human trafficking, drug use/addiction and poverty. Funds are made possible to the [Peacemaking Offering](#). No **Deadlines:** May 1; June 1; Nov. 1. <http://www.syntrinity.org/ministry-mission-applications/peacemaking/>

Student Study Grant: The Synod of the Trinity is seeking to support students (both undergraduate and graduate) who are members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to enable them to participate in "action/reflection" experiences either in this country or abroad. It is the hope that these experiences will combine service and deep cultural engagement as part of the student's journey in discovering God's call. **Deadlines:** May 1; June 1; Nov. 1. <http://www.syntrinity.org/ministry-mission-applications/campus-college-ministry/>

Mission Travel Grants: For mission trips within the bounds of the USA, a range of \$50-\$100 per participant with a cap of \$2,000 for any one trip; for mission trips outside the USA, a range of \$100-\$350 per participant with a cap of \$4,000 for any one trip. Additional funding may be offered for mission trips open to multiple congregations. <http://www.syntrinity.org/mission-travel/> **Deadlines:** May 1; June 1; Nov. 1.

New Worshipping Communities Grant: In partnership with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Synod of the Trinity will assist with a portion of the matching funds necessary for Investment and Growth Grants for New Worshipping Communities. **Deadlines:** May 1; Nov. 1. <http://www.syntrinity.org/new-worshipping-communities-grant/>

General Assembly & Presbyterian Mission Agency

Presbyterian Women: <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/giving/>

Leadership Development Fund: up to \$500 for women who wish to participate in the work of Presbyterian women to attend trainings; rolling applications

Birthday Offering Grants: range from \$200,000-\$500,000. These dollars have funded various initiatives by PC(USA) governing bodies, health agencies, overseas churches, ecumenical councils, community groups, educational institutions, church ministries, etc. These projects promote racial and ethnic diversity and collaborate with women, children, youth, young adults, and persons with disabilities to enhance their quality of life.

Deadline: May 15

Thank Offering: range from \$5,000-\$50,000 and fund projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy programs, domestic violence awareness, etc. **Deadline:** September 15

Presbyterian Hunger: <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger/grants/>

International Projects outside the United States: Programs must take place and benefit those who live outside the United States. Initiatives range from public policy advocacy, direct food relief, education and interpretation, development assistance, etc. Grants requests average around \$7000 and demonstrate additional funding sources.

Letter of Inquiry due by April 30 and applications due by June 30.

Congregational Hunger Project (within U.S.): For programs that function within the United States, i.e. public policy advocacy, direct food relief, education and interpretation, development assistance, etc. Grants requests average around \$500- \$20,000 and demonstrate additional funding sources. **Letter of Inquiry due by April 30 and applications due by June 30.**

Small Grants Program: Efforts enhance food security, increase healthy eating, create jobs and local economic growth, support local family farmers, use land ecologically, raise awareness about local and global hunger and poverty, etc. Rolling Grants range from \$100-\$1,000.

Congregation-Based Community Organizing Grants and Scholarships: These grants fund new broad-based community organizations that are less than three years old. These grants are committed for one year at a time and an organization is eligible for a maximum of three years funding. They do not have to be consecutive grants. The grants sum range generally from \$5,000 to \$6,000 depending on the demonstrated need. Only online applications will be considered. **Deadline:** June 30

Scholarships: <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/financialaid/>

The Office of Financial Aid for Studies awards more than 1 million dollars annually to students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Criteria for each program may be reviewed by visiting one of the options on the website above. Students may receive a loan and either one grant or scholarship from this office.

Transformational Leadership Debt Assistance: provides assistance to pastors of smaller or emerging new churches; \$3000-5000

Leadership Training: up to \$200 for continuing ed programs for pastors and church leaders in small churches

Mission and New Worshiping Communities Grants

<http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/missionprogramgrants/>

New Worshiping Communities Seed Grant: These grants support operating/program purposes such as salary and benefits, insurance, rent, educational materials, etc. These grants are limited to new worshiping communities that are related to the Presbyterian Church (USA), located within the United States and Puerto Rico and were ordinarily established no earlier than July 2010.

New Worshiping Communities Investment Grant: Twelve months after receipt of a Seed Grant, a one-time grant of up to \$25,000 is possible. Approval of Investment Grants conditioned upon real progress made toward meeting the definition of a new worshiping community. Investment Grants ordinarily require a dollar-for-dollar match provided by the combined contributions of the partner congregation and presbytery and/or synod. In-kind contributions for the match are acceptable. Waivers of the match will be considered on a case-by-case basis. *(The Investment Grant is a replacement for the First-Level New Church Grant.)*

New Worshiping Communities Growth Grant: The Growth Grant supports and encourages new worshiping communities whose process of faithful discernment has led them to establish a new ministry, responsive to the needs of a new group of people, with the ultimate goal of growing a viable and sustainable new congregation. At least eighteen months after receipt of an Investment Grant, a one-time Growth Grant of up to \$25,000 is possible and will provide for the next eighteen months. Approval of a Growth grant is conditioned upon significant progress being made toward meeting the goals and objectives as outlined in the Investment Grant proposal. A dollar-for-dollar match provided through presbytery and/or synod is ordinarily required. In-kind contributions are acceptable and waivers of the match will be considered on a case-by-case basis. *(The Growth Grant is a replacement for the Second-Level New Church Grant.)*

New Worshiping Communities Health Insurance Grant: This grant program provides supplemental funding to the partner congregation and/or presbytery in support of new church organizing pastors or new worshiping community leaders who would not otherwise be able to afford health insurance. Presbyteries may apply on behalf of new congregations and new worshiping communities for an annual grant of up to \$1,500. This grant is twice renewable, for a total of three years, upon approval of an application each year.

Note: No one project may receive more than \$57,500 in total grant assistance. The Health Insurance Grant does not figure into this amount since it is designed to assist individual leaders.

MISSION PROGRAM GRANTS PROPOSAL SUBMISSION & REVIEW DATES

2016 Cut-off Date for Receipt of Proposals	2016 Review Date (Received on Time)	2016 Review Date (Received Late)
February 10	March 16-17*	April 13
March 9	April 13	May 11
April 13	May 11	August 8
July 13	August 8*	October 12
September 14	October 12	November 9
October 12	November 9	March 6, 2017

The Sam & Helen R. Walton Award: In late December 1991, Sam & Helen R. Walton made a generous gift to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the Presbyterian Foundation, of six million dollars. This gift included an endowment in the amount of three million dollars, the earned interest to be used by new churches that have placed a particular emphasis on site acquisition. An annual opportunity is offered to sessions, presbyteries and synods to nominate excellent new churches that are working in creative ways to bring the gospel to their local communities. Each selected awardee will receive a one-time financial award of up to \$50,000, which is made over and above funding received from other GA sources. The number of projects approved and the amount of the financial award is based in part on funds available. **Nominations are to be submitted by January 31 of each year.**

Other Grant Resources

The McCormick Prize for Innovation (McCormick Theological Seminary)

<http://mccormick.edu/content/mccormick-prize-innovation>

McCormick Seminary and the Center for Innovative Ministry are pleased to announce “The McCormick Prize for Innovation.” Entrants will email a 250-word summary of (a) their context of ministry, (b) the innovation, and (c) the impact of the innovation on their ministry. The winning entry receives a \$5,000 prize, with second receiving \$1500 and third, \$500. **Applications received from February 2-March 31 of each year, with recipients announced April 11 of given year.**