Contributions to Basic Mission may be made monthly, quarterly or annually, and are shared with both the Synod of the Trinity and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA). Basic Mission can include both undesignated gifts, which fund the Presbytery’s, Synod’s, and PMA’s annual operating budgets, and directed or designated giving, which supports specific programs and mission partners (but excludes Per Capita or Special Offerings). The Presbytery’s budgeted share of undesignated Mission Giving for 2021 is $420,000.

The distribution of mission receipts unless donor churches specify otherwise, as follows:

- Presbytery: 62%
- Synod: 33%
- PMA: 5%

Your gifts to Basic Mission are the primary means by which our congregations financially partner with the Presbytery as we birth, nurture, and leverage new and existing ministries. As congregations and individuals contribute a proportion of their total receipts to Basic Mission, our leadership stewards these resources through faithful expressions of the mission of God in word and deed. A portion of these dollars can be directed to the Synod of the Trinity, the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and local ministries as we support and connect with the larger work and witness of the national church.

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Partner with Local Community Ministries
that extend the good news of Jesus Christ through peacemaking efforts; concern for our neighbors experiencing homelessness, poverty, and hunger; and Christian camping to children, youth, and adults throughout the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond. Our partners include Chester Eastside, Inc., West Kensington Ministries, John Gloucester House, Kirkwood Camp, and the Welcome Church.

Collaborate with Immigrant and Cross-Cultural Ministries
as we embrace congregations and faith communities whose membership consist primarily of new arrivals from Latin America, West Africa, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Korea, Japan, and more.

Equip Pastoral & Congregational Leadership
as we walk alongside churches in strategic conversations, times of transition, and new ministry possibilities, like our budding West Philadelphia Presbyterian Partnership. We also journey with new candidates for ordination as they discern their call as present and future leaders in the church.

Communicate Ministry & Mission Activity
through the utilization of web services, social network platforms, PresbySpeak podcasts, and new media to tell the stories of our churches and related ministries.

Empower Administrative Commissions & Care Teams
as churches envision new ministry opportunities and necessary leadership for generative congregational identity, mission, and strategies for sustainability and growth.

Steward Grants to Faithful & New Ministry Initiatives
through the Great Ends Grants and Covenant Fund. These funds provided a combined $184,000 (May 2019-May 2020) to over 26 initiatives. Ideas and Grant Writing Workshops and other funding resources, such as capital grants ($185,000 for churches) and Emergency Covid-19 Relief dollars and ZOOM grants ($389,000 distributed to 39 churches.

Leverage New Ministry Possibilities
through the Ministry and Leadership Incubator. This includes a seminary field education and church revitalization program, collaboration with 1001 New Worshipping Communities, Vital Congregations, and seminars like Fall Fest, which spark innovation and creativity.

Support Children & Youth Ministries
through the ministry of Kirkwood Camp, potential to develop a presbytery-wide youth ministry network, and the necessary leadership and financial support to send a delegation to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

Enhance Ecumenical & Interfaith Relationships
as we serve alongside other denominations and faith traditions, strengthening our common witness in our local communities.

Build Upon Our Commitment as Matthew 25 Churches
to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty. In partnership with the PCUSA’s initiative, we continue to equip our churches to live into the gospel in our time and place and alongside their neighbors.