

March 31, 2021

To: Reverend Judy Hay, Grants Working Group, Presbytery of the Genesee Valley  
From: Kevin Koek, Clerk of Session, Mendon Presbyterian Church  
Re: **2020 COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Use**

Dear Reverend Hay,

Per your request, via Pastor Ho Dong, here is a brief explanation of how Mendon Presbyterian Church used the \$1000 grant that was awarded to us in April of 2020.

Our application request was rather broad: *“To help us close a 2020 operating budget gap & to help us remain as a viable member church of the PoGV – meeting our payroll, paying our utilities, and maintaining planned programming; and continue as an important resource in our community, e.g., hosting the Mendon Community Nursery School which we began just last September.”*

The grant did in fact help us to close our operating budget gap – along with a Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan from the Federal Government which we applied for and were blessed in receiving. Together, these funds also enabled the purchase of a computer and software that allowed us to implement live-streaming of our weekly worship service. Implemented in 2020, this allows us to reach in real-time, congregants and “visitors” who otherwise would not have been able to worship with us due to COVID-19-related personal safety concerns.

We are grateful for the financial support of the Grants Working Group. Thank you!

In Christ,  
Kevin Koek