



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 5, 2019

Application Deadline: June 7, 2019

Recipient Announcement: August 2, 2019

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

The Presbytery of Philadelphia provides grant resources to empower congregations, worshiping communities, and affiliated ministries to meet the Great Ends of the Church. These funds particularly equip the faithful in and around the Presbytery of Philadelphia in “the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world” (*PCUSA Book of Order* F-1.0304). Great Ends Grants are available on a **rolling basis** and should be submitted no later than two months 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). **Applicants can request up to \$3,000 worth of funding.**

Care and Compassion Fund (Formerly the Diakonos Fund)

The Care and Compassion Fund supports new ministry initiatives and/or start-ups that provide for “the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.” Initiatives supported have ranged from hunger alleviation efforts, overnight shelters to individuals experiencing homelessness, urban gardens, community dinners, etc.

Ministry and Leadership Development Fund

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.

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.

Peacemaking and Advocacy 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. **The PCUSA National Self-Development of People also provides grant opportunities:**

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/apply-grant/>

Gerald and Margaret R. Andrews Scholarship

https://presbyphl.org/grants/andrews_scholarship

Receive between \$3,500 and \$9,000 to attend any undergraduate or graduate degree program affiliated with Temple University. Qualifying applicants are: Any African-American member of any predominantly African-American Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation within the city of Philadelphia; graduate of any Philadelphia Public School; admitted or attending any undergraduate or graduate degree program affiliated with Temple University. Submit an application to enews@presbyphl.org with the endorsement of the session of the congregation of which the applicant is a current member, as evidenced by the signature of the Clerk of Session.

Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church: <https://www.bmpc.org/ministries/mission/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.

Shaul 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.

Peacemaking Grants: The Peacemaking Committee offers small grants (\$500-\$1,000) in the spring and late fall. They support local, national and international organizations that promote peacemaking and bridge-building. The 2019 application deadline is March 31.

Synod of the Trinity

<http://www.syntrinity.org/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 and November 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: March 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:** March 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:** March 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; Dec. 1. <http://www.syntrinity.org/new-worshipping-communities-grant/>

General Assembly & Presbyterian Mission Agency

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-do/grants-scholarships/>

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

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

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/>

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

2019 Cut-off Date for Receipt of Proposals	2019 Review Date (Received on Time)	2019 Review Date (Received Late)
February 6	March 11-12	April 24
March 6	April 24	June 5
April 3	June 5	August 14
July 10	August 14	October 14-15
September 11	October 14-15	November 13
October 9	November 13	March 9-10, 2020

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.**

Become a Hunger Action Congregation

www.presbyterianmission.org/hunger

Hunger Action Congregations commit to faithful action toward ending hunger and addressing its root causes. HACs are invited to share stories of the love of Christ at work through their hands and ministries as they offer hunger relief and go beyond relief work into advocating for systemic changes or other root cause work. Resources and stories will be shared to encourage further ministry and to celebrate work in the areas of hunger alleviation, development assistance, hunger education, lifestyle integrity, corporate & public policy witness, and worship. Learn more at www.pcusa.org/hac.

Other Grant Resources

Church Mutual Insurance Company: CARES Religious Scholars Program

<https://www.churchmutual.com/cmcares/cmcares-scholars.cfm>

For the third year in a row, CM CARES will award up to \$250,000 in scholarships to deserving graduate-level religious scholars. Fifty scholarship winners will each receive a \$5,000 award that may be used to pay for tuition, fees, books or other costs of attending school during the 2019-20 academic year

Philadelphia Activities Fund Grant

<https://www.phila.gov/services/culture-recreation/apply-for-a-philadelphia-activities-fund-grant/>

The Philadelphia Activities Fund, Inc. (the Fund) is a non-profit corporation. Established by the mayor and City Council and managed by Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the Fund supports people and communities through projects that promote sportsmanship, the arts, and health.

Bread and Roses Community Fund

<https://breadrosesfund.org/grants-scholarships/>

Bread & Roses makes grants to organizations that use community organizing to create sustainable social change. Must be located in Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Camden counties. Additional eligibility criteria are listed within the description for each fund. Organizations can apply for a grant in every fund for which they are eligible. Organizations can receive up to \$50,000 total in grants from Bread & Roses within a 12-month period.

Home Depot Community Impact Grants

<https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact-grants>

The Home Depot Foundation offers grant awards up to \$5,000 to **501c designated organizations (recognized and in good standing with the IRS for a minimum of one year)** and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services and are required to be completed within six months of approval date.

Lilly Foundation

<https://lillyendowment.org/for-grantseekers/guidelines/>

We consider proposals in three main program areas: community development, education and religion. We also are interested in initiatives that benefit youth and promote the causes of philanthropy and volunteerism.

Grants and Fundraising Database: Free Library of Philadelphia

<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/faq/faqsubcat.cfm?FAQCategory=22>

For information on other funding sources through related agencies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):

Presbyterian Foundation

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org>

Presbyterian Mission Agency

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org>

Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program

<https://pilp.pcusa.org>

Presbyterian Board of Pensions

<http://www.pensions.org>