



**GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NETWORK
MATTHEW 25 GRANT
for CHURCHES and PARAMINISTRIES**

Complete Applications are due by: September 30, 2021

ELIGIBILITY

Matthew 25 Synod Grants are available to ministries within the Synod of the Covenant. PC(USA) Congregations, institutions and organizations within the geographic bounds of the Synod of the Covenant may apply using the application form found in this document. The purpose of the grant must specifically be Christian in focus and adhere to the objectives of the PC(USA) Matthew 25 Initiative.¹ Special consideration will be given to churches, ministries, and institutions which are primarily composed of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color and/or whose proposals are centered directly on the same context (neighborhood) as the congregation/ministry.

Projects must directly address at least one of the three **Matthew 25** mission priorities of the Synod of the Covenant:

- *Building congregational vitality* by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- *Dismantling structural racism* by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- *Eradicating systemic poverty* by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

Grants are awarded on the strength of the application and preference will be given to applications from congregations, institutions and organizations who have not received grants previously. Continuing grants for completion of a project may also be considered. Individuals or non-PC(USA) 501c3 organizations are not eligible. The grant awarded may be up to \$5000.00 annually. Grants must be applied for every year. Evidence of institutional or congregational financial support for the project is strongly recommended.

¹ Applicants do not need to have made a formal commitment to become a Matthew 25 ministry or congregation within the denomination in order to be awarded a grant. For more information about these three goals, please visit [Presbyterian Mission Agency Matthew 25 in the PC\(USA\): A bold vision and invitation | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#).

Grants may be used for either capital expenditures or program materials and costs, but not staffing. A status update is due to the committee at 6 months post award of the grant, and a formal evaluation of the project is due within one month following completion of the project.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications will be reviewed beginning **October 1, 2021**.
- Applications and all requested materials, as well as an endorsement letter from pastor or moderator/clerk of session or Executive Director/Board Chair of paraministry, must be submitted together to receive consideration by the grant review committee.
- Application must include a letter of endorsement/reference (not simply attestation) from the Presbytery leader (Executive or General Presbyter or Stated Clerk) and sent under separate cover by the writer from the application packet.
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered nor will they be carried forward to future years automatically. Applicants will need to reapply for the next cycle to be eligible for funding.

Please complete and upload applications to www.synodofthecovenant.org/grants. If that is not possible, please email completed applications to grants@synodofthecovenant.org.

Please contact the Synod Grants and Scholarships Committee with any questions or concerns:

If you have general questions about the grants, please contact
Rev. Betty Angelini at pastorwarrenfpc@gmail.com
Rev. Amy Duiker at aduiker@sugarcreekchurch.org.

For technological questions about uploading/submitting your application, please contact
Heather Deeb at heather@synodofthecovenant.org
248-729-2415

If you any other questions, please contact the Grants and Scholarship Team

grants@synodofthecovenant.org
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Church/Paraministry Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Person responsible for administering the grant: _____

Pastor/Executive Director: _____

Clerk of Session/Board Chair: _____

Associated Presbytery: _____

Presbytery Leader (Executive Presbyter or Stated Clerk): _____

Matthew 25 objective addressed (please check all which apply):

_____ **Congregational Vitality**

_____ **Structural Racism**

_____ **Systemic Poverty**

First time application? Yes/No

Request for continuing grant? Yes/No **Date of prior grant:** _____

A complete application includes the following pieces (Please submit one document for essays #1-7, with individual headings for each essay):

1. A detailed description of the project, including the community to be served (including approximate number), the timeframe for the project, the Matthew 25 goals to be accomplished, and why this project is needed (up to 1500 words).
2. A statement as to how the project relates back to the mission and vision statements and strategic plans of the organization (up to 500 words).

3. A detailed description of the plans for evaluation, including benchmarks for success (up to 500 words).
4. Any supporting documents (from partner organizations, evidence for success from other similar projects, etc.)
5. A list of persons responsible for administration of this grant, their roles and responsibilities and contact information.
6. A description of the site of the Project (including addresses).
7. A proposed program budget including personnel costs, operating costs and timing, other sources of income, the amount of grant requested, and the budget total.
8. Letter of affirmation from Pastor and/or Clerk of Session of associated congregation or from Executive Director and/or Board Chair of paraministry.
9. In addition, a letter of endorsement/reference (not simply attestation) from the Presbytery leadership will be sent to grants@synodofthecovenant.org, under separate cover, from the application packet by the writer.

SIGNATURES

Responsible Party (Name) Date

Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick Date
 Interim Executive, Synod of the Covenant

*Note: Complete grant application must be received by **September 30, 2021** and must include:*

- *Application form*
- *Attachments answering application essays #1-7*
- *Letter of affirmation from Pastor and/or Stated Clerk of associated congregation or Executive Director and/or Board Chair of paraministry.*
- *Letter of endorsement/reference (not attestation) from the Presbytery leadership sent under separate cover by the writer to grants@synodofthecovenant.org..*

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Grant Approved? _____ Amount of Grant: _____

If no, state reason: