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The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



The Synod of the Covenant Announces Matthew 25 Grant Winners

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded \$48,000 in grants to eighteen congregations and ministries in seven presbyteries. These awards range from \$1,000 to \$5000.

The focus of the grants is to support ministries to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and/or eradicate systemic poverty. These goals stem from the denomination's Matthew 25 movement. Of thirty-two grant applications, eighteen were awarded.

Here are the grant awardees for the 2022:

Cincinnati Presbytery

Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church

\$2,500 for the Elementary School Weekend Meal Program

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

\$2,000 for Buddy Bags

Joint Northern and Crescent Springs Presbyterian Churches

\$1,000 for the Joint Youth Group Program

Pleasant Run Presbyterian Church

\$1,000 for the Non-Food Pantry

Detroit Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac

\$5,000 for the Emergency Food Pantry



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Lake Michigan Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac

\$1,700 for Fleet Feet for Lincoln

First Presbyterian Church of Lansing

\$1,000 for the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan

Maumee Valley Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

\$5,000 for Tools for School

First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin

\$1,000 for the Non-Food Pantry

Hanmi Presbyterian Church

\$2,500 for Meals for College Students

Miami Valley Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church Fairborn

\$2,000 for the Church Outside Project

Trinity Presbyterian Church

\$4,800 for the Saturday Breakfast

Scioto Valley Presbytery

Various Congregations in Scioto Valley

\$2,000 for Capital City Helping Hands

First Presbyterian Church of Logan

\$3,000 for the Vegetable Garden



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Scioto Valley Presbytery (continued)

First Presbyterian Church of Waverly

\$2,500 for the Drivers Education Project

Presbytery of the Western Reserve

North Presbyterian Church

\$4,000 New Administrative Staff

St. Marks Presbyterian Church

\$2,000 Technology

Various Presbyteries

Synod of the Covenant Korean Presbyterian Churches

\$5,000 Pastor's Retreat

These grants, as well as the Higher Education Scholarships previously announced, are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 700 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 100,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Lisa Allgood (Cincinnati Presbytery), Betty Angelini (Eastminster Presbytery), Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Skip Jackson (Scioto Valley Presbytery), Matt Meinke (Maumee Valley Presbytery), and Georgia McCall (Lake Huron Presbytery). In this Thanksgiving season, the committee is grateful for all who applied for these grants:

“In this Thanksgiving season, we are thankful for you. Peace and love with faith to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s grace to all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love that never ends” (Ephesians 6:23-24).