

Form Submissions

Forms will be submitted to the Presbytery office and will be reviewed by the Visioning Council at its earliest convenience. The applying congregation must supply a phone number to the Visioning Council for a person who is knowledgeable about the application and who can be available while the Visioning Council is considering the application.

Some contingency should be in place for requests that are time sensitive.

Application Considerations

The Visioning Council will consider ALL applications. Applications must be received in the Presbytery Office no later than one week before a Visioning Council meeting. Visioning Council will consider requests based on:

- theological rationale
- potential for local ministry and outreach by congregations and interest groups within the bounds of Great Rivers presbytery
- ministries with long term potential over short term potential
- outreach over "in" reach
- existing reserve/endowment funds in a congregation
- participation of members of the congregation in the project
- new mission and ministry, not funding of an existing program; or a substantial addition to an existing program

Money distribution

- Up to 33% of funds will be distributed per presbytery meeting pending enough satisfactory applications are made to account for 33% of funds
- If request is denied, resubmission is welcome

Financial Awards

- Awards will be given at each presbytery meeting
 - Congregations must be represented at the presbytery meeting to receive their money. They will be notified of application acceptance by phone and in writing as well as offered instructions about collecting their money
 - Congregations will be asked to report to the presbytery on the achievement of their ministry goals within one calendar year of receiving funds.
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“ . . . I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.”

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What kind of mission and outreach have you dreamed about for your congregation? How could you help to bring hope into peoples' lives in the name of Jesus Christ? If money did not stand in your way for accomplishing these dreams, of what great things could you and your congregation be a part?

Some of your neighbor Presbyterians have been doing exactly that kind of dreaming. The mission money that you contribute through the presbytery has made a huge difference in the lives of people here and around the world in the last year. Some of that money, as you know, goes to mission done by the synod and the General Assembly. The money distributed by the presbytery has been used not only for the mission and ministry that we do as a presbytery as we support the congregations within our bounds, but, through the application for Mission Initiative Grants, it has also been used in amazing and creative ways.

In order to access this money, sessions use the application found on our website:

www.greatriverspby.org/Mission.html

The Visioning Council considers those applications and makes grants based on the congregation's personal involvement in the program for which they are requesting money; the fact that the program is either new or a substantial expansion of an existing program; the congregation's contribution of funds to the program.

Here are some of the projects that have received funding this year:



Spring Forward Learning Center
Milan, First
Rev. Joyce Basler

www.firstpresbyterianchurchmilan.com



Welcome Center
Rushville, First
Rev. Steve Akins



Additional Early Childhood Teacher
Valerie Sager
Peoria, Westminster

www.westminsterpresbyterian.org



Take It To Town
Carlinville, Federated
Diane VanWinkle

www.federatedchurch.com



Mission Trip to
Pine Ridge Reservation,
South Dakota. Milan, First
Rev. Joyce Basler

www.firstpresbyterianchurchmilan.com



Threads of Love Clothing Ministry
Washington Pres, Washington
Kathy Casey

www.wpcusa.org



Summer School with God
Niota, Appanoose Faith
Nancy Schmitz



Culture Center for Korean
as Second Language
Edwards, Korean
Rev. Beughoon Choi

www.kpcpeoria.org



Health & Wellness Clinic of Fulton
County, Canton, First
Dixie Thompson

www.fpccanton.org



Song Leadership/Guitar Clinic
Viola, United
Rev. Jack Brown



Marquee/Message Board
White Hall, First
Pam Keller



NCD Conference in Florida
Quincy, NCD
Rev. Mike Fitzsimmons



Children of God Community,
Childrens' Choir and Bible Club
Virgina, First
Rev. Marcia Forman



Lighting the Lamp Media
Evangelism and Praise Music
Fest, Mason City, United
Jeanne Wunderle



Seaton Community Park Play
Equipment
Seaton, Center
Sue Shike

www.forministry.com/USILPCUSACPCCP



Concert Series
Lincoln First
Julie Kasa & Cheryl Frick
www.preslincoln.org

Have you started thinking about what your church might accomplish? Dream dreams, see visions, imagine bringing hope into the lives of people whom you know, people about whom you have heard, and people about whom you might learn as you follow your passion for sharing the good news of God's love.