

AVAILABLE SHARED MISSION GRANT

The Presbytery of Great Rivers Visioning Team is excited about how God is working in congregations across the presbytery. There are several shared mission grants available for your church to apply to this year. Please help by sharing this with your church staff, session, deacons, etc.



Worship Initiative Grant

(Uniting in Worship) The Visioning Team wants to encourage churches to take worship to the community and find ways to worship outside their buildings. To that end, a \$500 grant is offered to churches that develop a plan to take worship outside the church.

Mission Initiative Grant

The new Mission Initiative Funding Application (**MIFA**) is for projects and programs that represent a mission initiative for a church, and may be granted for \$5,000 for the 1st year. The project may be funded for a lesser amount for two additional years as explained in the guidelines.

Bucks for Blessings Grant

(Partnering in Mission) A Bucks for Blessings is available for up to \$1,000 for each PGR member church who partners with another congregation to do something that is a blessing for their community. The partner church does not need to be a PGR member. If the partner is PGR, and the project budget warrants, then the PGR partner may also apply for a grant, too.

Church Consulting Grant

(Risking in Ministry) The Visioning Team wants to encourage churches to engage the services of church consultants that will help congregations identify and live into their mission, vision, and values and/or identify a transformation process. To that end, a grant of up to \$2,500 is offered to churches who employ an approved church consultant.

Sabbatical Grant

The Presbytery of Great Rivers' Visioning Team has approved a new Sabbatical Grant program aimed at helping pastors and churches with the cost of a sabbatical. The PGR Sabbatical Grant is available to PGR pastors currently serving a church who are planning a Session approved sabbatical. Pastors may request up to \$2000 to help with sabbatical related expenses, and up to \$500 to help the church with expenses related to the pastor's absence during the sabbatical.

For grant applications: www.greatriverspby.org/mission

Please send grant applications 2 weeks prior to 2020 Visioning Team meetings, which are scheduled: May 12, August 11, and October 20.

We want to help you through the grant process. If you have any questions, please contact: Presbytery office (309) 683-6980, or Visioning Team Vice-Chair, Carol Sleeth cisleeth@comcast.net or (309) 692-2595.

