

Visioning Grant Information

The Visioning Team continues to invite creative, think-outside-the-box, open-ended, and energetic grant applications that help fulfill the Presbytery's 2020 Visioning Statement and Matthew 25 goals. Grants can support new or existing programs and/or partnerships. Grants are renewable each year for recipients that complete an end-of-year program report. Detailed application instructions available on the Great Rivers website under the Mission tab:

<http://www.greatriverspby.org/mission.html>

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year and Visioning Team members are available to assist with application completion.

Sabbatical grants will continue to be reviewed separately, and additional grants for a variety of purposes are available through the Leadership Team.

Initiatives Funded by the Visioning Team in 2022 (in order of approval)

The Visioning Team directs Presbytery mission funds to serve Presbytery, regional, national, and international endeavors. Funds in 2022 have supported the following programs:

Remaining 2022 Funds to Seed Grant for the Presbytery of Great Rivers Family Leave Fund
\$4,200 to First Federated Church in Peoria ("Sing-It-Yourself Messiah")
\$7,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Hurricane Relief
\$10,000 to R.I.P Medical Debt
\$3,300 to College Ave. Presbyterian, Aledo (Mercer County Backpack Program)
\$3,300 to First Presbyterian, Lincoln (The Center for Creativity and Community)
\$1,000 to First Presbyterian, Le Roy (Meal and a Message)
\$1,775 to First Presbyterian, Lincoln (Consulting Grant)

More About Our 2022 Presbytery-Wide Mission: RIP Medical Debt

In early 2022, the Visioning Team approved a motion to support the creation of a Great Rivers Presbytery campaign through RIP Medical Debt. Combined Visioning Team and Presbytery gifts have eliminated up to 1.8 million dollars in medical debt for individuals in Illinois and nationwide. More information about the campaign can be found at:

<https://ripmedicaldebt.org/campaign/great-rivers-presbytery/>

Join the Visioning Team!

The Nominating Committee works to fill vacant spots on our team. The Visioning Team oversees mission grant funding, presbytery-wide programming, and helps set the vision and strategy for the Presbytery. We meet approximately four to five times per year for no more

than two hours by Zoom. We are looking for innovative, collaborative, caring, and connectional people. We are decent and in order (but not too much!). Current members describe the committee using the following words:

- “A place where invigorating, exciting, creative, joyous things happen.”
- “We get to make ideas happen, we can help make things bigger than ourselves a reality.”
- “We’re reckless in the best way. We get to say ‘Yes!’ Who doesn’t want to be part of the “Yes!” team?”
- “We get to know people’s stories, their projects, their dreams.”
- “All meetings are done early, but we sometimes start 12 minutes late.”