

VISIONING TEAM REPORT

Available Shared Mission Grants – There are several shared mission grants available for your church to apply to this year (see attachment included following report). **Please help by sharing the shared mission grants description with your church staff, session, deacons, etc.** At the Presbytery assembly, we will have copies available that we would like you to share.

1. Worship Initiative Grant: for churches to take worship into the community outside their buildings (max. \$500).
2. Bucks for Blessing: for each PGR member church who partners with another congregation to do something that blesses the community (max. \$1000).
3. Sabbatical Grant (max. \$2000 for currently serving pastors + \$500 for church expenses during pastor's absence for pastors who are planning a Session-approved sabbatical).
4. Church Consulting Grant: for approved church consultant to help churches live into their mission, vision, and values or transformation process (max. \$2500 matching)
5. Mission Initiative Funding Application (MIFA): for a project/program that is a church's mission initiative (1st year: max \$5,000 matching, 2nd and 3rd years at decreased amount)

During the February Assembly there will be a short presentation from First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln about The Center for Creativity and Community. They received \$5000 Mission Initiative Funding (50% matching). The target population is students between 12-16 years old. They are working alongside a local coffee shop, St. John United Church of Christ, and a musical festival team.

Youth Triennium, July 16-20, 2019 We want youth and adult leaders from our Presbytery to attend Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer: July 16-20, 2019. The Presbytery will pay 1/3 of the cost, \$185 for all youth (entering 9th grade through graduated 12th grade), and adult leaders attending Triennium. The Presbytery will cover the cost of a charter bus with several pick-up locations across our Presbytery, t-shirts, and PGR buttons. Please register through the Presbytery office office@greatriverspby.org (see attached flyer following report).

Presbytery e-Newsletter We encourage all staff, active elders, clerks and church members in the Presbytery to sign up for the e-Newsletter and follow the Presbytery of Great Rivers [Facebook](#) page. Please include the following sentence in your bulletin announcements. God is doing great things in Presbyterian churches all around us. Sign-up for the Presbytery of Great Rivers e-Newsletter at www.greatriverspby.org/newsletter

Additional items:

- We use the 95 Theses shared during the November 2018 Assembly to help in creating a vision for our Presbytery.
- We will likely set aside funds for townhall meetings and/or Assembly speakers.
- If it's the second time a church applies for a bucks for blessings or worship initiative grant, the team will discuss future sustainability and growth and creating new options/ideas/aspects for that project.
- Our team voted to encourage leadership team to use Synod funds for transitional ministry training.

- The following Grant Applications were reviewed and approved:
 - Bucks for Blessings:
 - First Presbyterian Church of Farmington \$1000 for its July 28-August 1, 2019 Community VBS project in partnership with Faith Presbyterian church-Yates City; First Baptist Church-Farmington, and The United Methodist Church of Farmington.
 - First Presbyterian Church of Geneseo \$1000 for its Feeding the Needy program in partnership with Hope Church of Christ, Moline, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East Moline.
 - Sabbatical Grant:
 - Rev. Dr. Cheyanna Losey \$2,000 for a Sabbatical to enter a time of rest, renewal, and reflection from May 27-Sept. 9, 2019, and the United Church of Woodhull \$500.
- Visioning Team meeting dates: April 30, August 13, and October 8. Please send grant applications 2 weeks ahead of our meeting.

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AVAILABLE SHARED MISSION GRANTS

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 ahead of 2019 Visioning Team meetings: January 29, April 30, August 13, and October 8.

We want to help you through the grant process.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Presbytery office (309) 683-6980,

or Visioning Team Chair, Jonathan Warren jwarren@firstpresjax.org or (217) 245-4189.

2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM



2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM INFORMATION SHEET

Get Ready for the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium - a gathering held every three years for high school age students in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Youth from all churches (across the sponsoring denominations) come together for this life changing, life giving, faith growing gathering! Five days that help form a younger generation of active Presbyterians. Five days that shape the leadership gifts and deepen the discipleship awareness for a generation who are already achieving a strong presence in this church and this world!

Find out more about registration, event plans and travel information from the Triennium website at www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org.

EVENT ESSENTIALS

Date: Tuesday, July 16th - Saturday, July 20th, 2019

Location: Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Audience: High School Age youth and accompanying adult advisors
(Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21yrs+)

Theme: "Here's My Heart"

Registration Date: Registration will open in late 2018 and conclude in May 2019

Registration Fee: Youth: \$555.00 / 18yrs & Older: \$575.00
(Registration fee includes all programming, food & lodging. Everything but travel to the event!)

Website: www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

Delegations: All participants attend the Triennium as a member of a delegation. A delegation can be a PRESBYTERY based delegation or a CHURCH based delegation. Most participants come with their Presbytery in a PRESBYTERY DELEGATION. But churches are also welcome to send a delegation. For more information about delegations and registration, visit the Triennium website and click on REGISTRATION. Or, contact the National Triennium Registrar: 502-569-5208 or molly.atkinson@pcusa.org.

"Here's my heart."

Our young people are saying to us, to the church, to the world!

"Here's MY heart!"

God says right back to us!

Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019
A classic melody for a new generation's voice!
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