

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Since our last Presbytery Assembly Meeting, your Partners in Ministry Committee has met five times (via Go-to-meeting online meeting service) and hosted our annual education event; what follows is a summary of our work:

Grant Guidelines:

- PIM established the following guideline for 2018-2019: *limit of \$2,000 per applicant/grant per year, on a case by case basis, with the expectation that recipients will report back to PIM and/or Presbytery Assembly the success and/or learnings from each request grant*
 - In practice, we operated based on the following: “Did you know that there is \$2,000 available to you/your congregation/your ministry from the Presbytery that you could take advantage of? “...just ask PIM”
- for 2020 and beyond, we are exploring new guidelines focused on funding and supporting innovative/new ministries within our presbytery

LEaD Event:

The Presbytery LEaD event was held on February 22nd at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside

- This year we offered our normal LEaD event in the morning, highlighted by our Keynote Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Eric Law, who spoke about his work on Holy Currencies and offered multiple workshops, including: Listening for God by Lee Ireland (Presbytery Leader), VCI Workshop by Rob Stewart (Presbytery Staff), Educational Resources Seminar by Carol Stanley, Tales from the Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference by Alfred Graise and Erin Thomas, Stewardship: Spiritual Development by Renee Myers (PC(USA) Mission Engagement Advisor, West Region), Strength Through Diversity by Mary Bolanos and Wilson Kayange, and Support the Strangers Among Us by Kristi Van Nostran (Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer for San Gabriel and Pacific Presbyteries)
- We also offered our LEaD + Intensive with the Rev. Dr. Eric Law, which offered an in-depth training on Holy Currencies

Grant Requests:

- Approved \$500 for St. Andrew, Indio to underwrite a musical concert for the community
- Approved \$1,114 for a Life Skillz retreat (1st San Bernardino)
- Approved \$2,000 for Stonewall Ministries to advertise their ministry on a local radio station
- Approved \$1,200 for Desert Hills (Yucca Valley) to upgrade their church database and receive training on the new database system
- Approved \$1,500 for Palm Springs to cover costs of cleaning their worship space and restoring their main sign
- Approved \$5,000 to support the Community Park at First Redlands
- Provisionally approved (pending Synod matching grant) \$15,000 for help cover operation costs of the Stonewall Ministries New Worshipping Community; funds will be released to NWCAC to distribute
- Approved \$700 from the Nordlund Fund for two 4th graders from LACPC to go to Summer Camp
- Approved \$2,000 for Lake Arrowhead Community Presbyterian Church to update their website
- Approved \$2,000 for Calvary, Riverside and their Summer Mission Trip
- Approved \$5,000 for Family Promise of Riverside, to help cover operating costs of Day Center
- Approved \$1,000 for Rev. Claire Schlegel to attend a conference at Ghost Ranch during her sabbatical

Cross Presbytery Accompaniment work:

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- Such needs have been faithfully attended to in the past by committed volunteers, often at their own expense. At this time, because of a lack of testing for released individuals, it is not safe for volunteers to continue in this work while, at the same time, transportation and shelter are needed for those being released
- Working with Kristi Van Nostran and with guidance and encouragement from representatives of San Gabriel and Pacific Presbyteries your PIM committee has applied for an emergency grant through Presbyterian Disaster Agency (PDA) that would help fund ongoing, compassionate service by offering transportation and shelter to those being released from Adelanto; \$5,000 was awarded
 - this grant award will be administered by Pacific Presbytery (with great appreciation)
- PIM also approved \$5,000 from Advocacy for this work
- Explored additional ways we could work to make God's Kin-dom a reality for those being released from Adelanto, including: donating masks, donating backpacks and/or travel bags (carry-on roller suitcases), advocating for COVID testing for all detainees

Submitted by:

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