

**The Presbytery of the Miami Valley
NORTHMINSTER MISSION FUND
GUIDELINES**

INTRODUCTION

Grants up to \$5,000.00 are available to individual Congregations, Congregations in Partnership, Designated Presbytery Networks, and Validated Ministries of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, for the continued purpose of *building up the body of Christ*. Pending available funds, grants may be renewed for one year.

In 2005 the Miami Presbytery voted to honor the history, work and ministry of the Northminster Presbyterian Church (Dayton) and the congregation's gift to the presbytery of \$222,538.00, representing the proceeds of the sale of the church property, by providing through the Board of Trustees, grants to be used in the areas of work of the Church Development/Redevelopment Committee and the Mission/Benevolence Committee. While as a result of the presbytery redesign these committees no longer exist, the spirit of the presbytery's action has been realized by this grant program of the Northminster Mission Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

Through the *Mission Grant Subcommittee* of the *Board of Trustees* of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, the Northminster Mission Fund will be administered as follows:

1. For 2008, a maximum 20 grants will be awarded.
2. For 2008, a maximum aggregate of \$40,000.00 will be awarded.
3. For 2008, a maximum of \$5,000.00 for any single grant will be set.
4. All remaining funds will be invested as recommended and overseen by the Board of Trustees, with any invested income to be used solely for the purposes of the Northminster Mission Fund.
5. Review the administrative process and criteria annually to determine the number of grants and aggregate awards for the coming year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be made to the *Mission Grant Subcommittee* of the *Board of Trustees* of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, which will be solely responsible for the review and awarding of grants. Applicants shall submit a completed Grant Application Form, which will include the following:

1. Brief description of the ministry, and how it participates in *building up the body of Christ*, including its necessity and timeliness, as well as indentifying those to whom this endeavor may minister.
2. Proposed budget for the ministry, including identifying other sources of funding.
3. Brief description of the organization and relationship of the participants, if the application is made by a congregation in partnership. Applications for congregations in partnership with a non-church entity must submit proof of 501c3 status for the non-church partner.
4. A condition of a grant will be the submission of a follow-up report within one year. This report will review the effectiveness of the ministry.
5. Applications must be signed by appropriate persons in authority over the ministry, i.e. Pastors, Clerks, of Sessions, Executive Directors.