

**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.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

Through the *Network Support & Grants* committee of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, the Northminster Mission Fund will be administered and reviewed annually, as follows:

1. For 2012, a maximum 10 grants will be awarded, with an aggregate of \$25,000.00.
2. The maximum for any single grant shall be \$5,000.00.
3. All remaining funds will be invested as recommended and overseen by the Presbytery Trustees, with any invested income to be used solely for the purposes of the Northminster Mission Fund.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be made to the *Network Support & Grants* committee 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.