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NETWORK SUPPORT AND GRANTS COMMITTEE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR SUMMARY 2023

1. GRANTS

A. Peacemaking Grant

- i. There were no Peacemaking Grant requests in 2022

B. Northminster Grant

- i. Bellbrook Presbyterian Church “Engineering is Elementary” after school program.

1. *Fully funded request for \$3,000*

- ii. Equipping for Ministry Network “Playology: Experiencing God through the Art of Play”

1. *Original Grant from 2019 was not used due to Covid, the committee amended the 2022 grant request to include the \$1,500 request granted in 2019 to the new 2022 request for \$2,500 to grant a total of \$4,000 in a single 2022 request. This step theoretically allows a second grant request to be made for this ministry.*

- iii. Covenant Presbyterian Church – Springboro “Peaceful Dreams” A Matthew 2 Ministry Group, will provide beds and bedding for young adults emancipating from Foster Care and setting up their first independent household.

1. *Fully funded request for \$5,000*

- iv. All grant requests along with the scoring rubrics are available at this link:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hl236Y-Vo-CjO4z-5wPLMzuv2_p8SjIp/view?usp=share link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Hl236Y-Vo-CjO4z-5wPLMzuv2_p8SjIp/view?usp=share_link)

2. NETWORKS

Committee expense: 2022 Allocated: **\$500** (Committee discretion) 2022 Spent: **\$0** 2023 Allocated: **\$100**

- A. Campus Ministries – We have tried to make these fit into the Network definition, but they just don’t.

The contacts for some campuses have indicated an interest in working on some joint activities in the future.

- i. IFCM Central State – 2022 Allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$1,000** 2023 Allocated: **\$1,000**
 - ii. IFCM Miami University (Oxford) – 2022 Allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$0** 2023 Allocated: **\$1,400**
 - iii. IFCM Sinclair– 2022 Allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$0** 2023 Allocated: **\$1,000**
- B. Colombia Partnership – 2022 allocated: **\$13,350** 2022 Spent: **\$4,983.37** 2023 Allocated: **\$11,600**
- i. **What are your Network’s goals?** The Partnership between Presbytery of the Miami Valley and the Presbytery of the North Coast in Barranquilla, Colombia was framed in 1995 as a fraternal, not patriarchal, relationship of shared mission, spirituality, and resources. This objective has been the guiding principle in shaping the ministry activities of this Partnership, which have evolved over the last 25 years and continue to develop into the future.
 - ii. **If the Network has received financial aid through Networks Support Committee, describe the effect of the prior aid.** Financial aid has enabled us to bring young adults, pastors, and lay leaders from Colombia to participate in PMV summer programs, and support congregational ministry. PMV church delegations have also been able to go to Colombia to visit and support the work of our sister churches, further increasing the bonds of brother and sisterhood.
- C. Covenant Gathering – 2022 allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$1,000** 2023 Allocated: **\$1,000**
- i. **What are your Network’s goals?** Covenant Gathering is an intergenerational Presbyterian conference seeking to - Equip participants for ministry in their families, churches, and communities. Provide spiritual renewal of those who lead others Create a greater appreciation for a connectional church. Model the Kingdom of God in our life together.
 - This network prepares congregations by** – Preparing Congregational leaders spiritually with tools for ministry which are then taken back into their respective congregation’s life.
 - This network equips congregations by** – Renewing and refreshing congregational leaders spiritually and with tools for ministry, and by acting out or modeling the life of the larger church.
 - This network nurtures congregations by** – Preparing Congregational leaders spiritually and with tools from ministry which they then use in their congregational leadership roles.
 - This network connects congregations by** – Bringing together persons from a variety of congregations across the country. They are also

introduced to denominational leaders who provide conference leadership.

D. Crafting Network (Stitches of Love and Sew Faithful) – 2022 allocated:

\$2,000 2022 Spent: **\$1,982.75** 2023 Allocated: **\$2,000**

What are your Network’s goals? We’ve been fortunate to have received funding from the Miami Valley Presbytery for the past several years. With that funding, our goal is to continue to provide many groups in the Miami Valley area (as well as the military with pillowcases for the Navy and Christmas stockings and knitted caps for our armed forces serving around the world, veterans at the VA in Dayton and a group helping premature babies and their mothers in South Carolina.) Items donated include, but are not limited to, quilts, blankets, hats, scarves, prayer shawls, chemo hats and comfort bears for patients at Hospice and blankets and pillows for animals at SICSA.

This network prepares congregations by – We don’t believe this question applies directly to us but congregations can see what work is being done by us and how we share our work with those in need. We are open to anyone who wants to share our love of God as we pursue our mission

This network equips congregations by – See above

This network nurtures congregations by – We come together using church facilities, to share our friendships and love of sewing, knitting and crocheting to help those in need.

This network connects congregations by – We have ladies from several different Presbyterian churches along with ladies from several other faiths working toward our mission introduced to denominational leaders who provide conference leadership.

E. Educator Support– 2022 Allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$600** 2023

Allocated: **\$1,000**

What are your Network’s goals? To offer support, advice, and to share resources and knowledge with other educators in the presbytery.

This network prepares congregations by – Preparing Congregational leaders spiritually with tools for ministry which are then taken back into their respective congregation’s life.

This network equips congregations by – Providing Educator expertise on an as requested basis

This network nurtures congregations by – Supporting paid and unpaid Educators in their positions

This network connects congregations by – By providing a space and opportunities to nurture their educators, helping them to grow and nurture themselves. The Network also supports those Educators moving toward Certified Educator status.

F. Equipping for Ministry– 2022 Allocated: **\$1,000** 2022 Spent: **\$798** 2023

Allocated: **\$1,000**

What are your Network’s goals? Equipping for Ministry Network goals are to support the development of community within and among churches by

offering periodic events, and providing a selection of up-to-date written and multimedia resources, through the Resource Center, available to the congregations of the presbytery (and to Presbyterians elsewhere).

This network prepares congregations by – Resource Center – keeping an up-to-date library of materials within the Presbyterian and Reformed perspectives – books, curriculum and multimedia for all ages – available to borrow by any member of any Presbyterian congregation within (and beyond) the PMV. Offering Periodic events – from hosting Dr. Walter Brueggemann, noted theologian early in EMN life to the Playology event this September and the March 2022 and (to be in April 2023) Women’s Retreats.

This network equips congregations by – See above

This network nurtures congregations by – See above

This network connects congregations by – See above

G. PYC– 2022 Allocated: **\$3,500** 2022 Spent: **\$1,048.11** 2023 Allocated: **\$5,250**

What are your Network’s goals?

Our current goals include:

- Nurturing an intergenerational planning with meaning leadership roles for students, with adult support, to develop Presbytery-wide youth events centered around fellowship, faith formation, and mission.
- Engaging 50% of congregations within the Presbytery of the Miami Valley to participate in PYC events.

This network prepares congregations by – serving as a model to intentionally engage youth in meaningful leadership roles as well as supporting quality faith formation experiences during such an important time in the developmental stage of this age group.

This network equips congregations by – creating meaningful leadership opportunities for youth to serve as part of an intergenerational team in developing presbytery-wide youth events.

This network nurtures congregations by – designing innovative fellowship, faith formation, and mission opportunities for youth ministries.

This network connects congregations by – engaging individual youth ministries to come together in the planning and/or the participation in presbytery-wide youth ministry events.

H. Sweet Dreams– 2022 Allocated: **\$4,000** 2022 Spent: **\$4,000** 2023 Allocated: **\$4,000**

What are your Network’s goals? The Sweet Dreams Ministry was inspired by the direct needs of the people God has called us to take in our care. We feel that a “good nights sleep” is paramount to learning and growing and functioning in our community. Our goal is to provide Bed Bundles to those in need. Our Bed Bundles consist of a new Twin/full mattress, with a frame and new sheets, new blanket and a new pillow. In 2023 our goal is to become more involved with Hope Hub Xenia. Which is a Transformational Living facility that helps women struggling with addiction find freedom in recovery.

This network prepares congregations by – The ministry is a hands-on ministry and it enables our congregation to see what the needs of our community is in real time. In the beginning working with agencies, our focus had been on children, and we have learned there is a need in our aging community for our Bed Bundles. Our congregation has many retired school teachers and many of them made the suggestion for us to speak to the school counselors. They have contact with families in need that are not working with an actual agency.

This network equips congregations by –

This network nurtures congregations by –

This network connects congregations by –

- I. Third Thirty- 2022 Allocated: **\$1,500** 2022 Spent: **\$0** 2023 Allocated: **\$1,000**

What are your Network's goals? Third Thirty Network aims to educate, inspire, and prepare all congregants including retired pastors and their spouses in the PMV for the inevitable joy and challenges they will most likely encounter as they journey along their live's paths

This network prepares congregations by – presenting information on older adult issues which may be encountered in the third portion of their lives and allowing congregants and retired pastors and their spouses to think about and discuss those issues. In addition, in group meeting situations, congregants and retired pastors and their spouses can talk and share so that no one feels like they are going through the process alone. This applies to our congregants and retired pastors, but also applies to helping the children of the older adults circumvent the same areas if the parents are the ones in their third thirty years of life.

This network equips congregations by – educating congregants and retired pastors and their spouses on many critical topics such as living situation options, determining retirement income choices, end of life preparation and medical issues. Third Thirty also has the intention of incorporating a variety of learning styles and teaching methods focused on older adults' abilities.

This network nurtures congregations by – helping older adults in our congregations and retired pastors and their spouses make full use of the blessed gift of additional years by allowing them to celebrate what they have accomplished, what they can share, and what they can enjoy.

This network connects congregations by – bringing in people and resources from a variety of PMV churches as well as from organizations such as Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) to address and discuss various older adult areas. With various churches involved, resources and ideas can be shared so churches can take ideas from others and not necessarily start from the beginning.

- J. The information shared in the Networks section about each network is taken from the funding request submitted by each network. The link to those documents is here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dWUIT5wsSHmeePsZfSzLc5R5ANm4hpQL?usp=share_link

Each Network contact and Liaison has been notified by e-mail of the amounts allocated to their network for 2023.

K. Synod of the Covenant Campus Ministries Grants

This year I did not see any information about the Synod campus ministry grants. We have been a pass-through for those funds in the past,

L. Network Budget Allocation process for 2023

For the past few years, our budget allocation process looked different. Considering the disruptive nature of the pandemic for so many of our Networks, we offered a 're-do' as far as budget planning. Rather than utilizing an activity-based budgeting process for 2021 (as we did the previous year) we used the same Network budget amounts.

This year, we made a concerted effort to get back to a normal budgeting process, and were largely successful. We were less stringent about the documentation requirements than we were before the pandemic, but are returning to a more normal process.

The committee Network Liaisons were more active in making contact with the network representatives this year and were able to make face to face contact to discuss the needs of the networks in some cases. It is my hope that this will expand and continue in following years.

M. Concerns for 2023

- i. With the combining of the Xenia churches, the Sweet Dreams network no longer meets the definition of a network if that definition is strictly interpreted. However, I have noted a significant similarity of purpose between the Xenia based Sweet Dreams network, and the Peaceful Dreams ministry (A Matthew 25 Ministry) at the Covenant Presbyterian church in Springboro, and I would like to see these two groups work together as a network.
- ii. Our forms need some minor revisions to correct the Presbytery mailing address, and to make the fields a little friendlier to fill out. I am looking for inexpensive ways to fix them and to allow them to be filled out online. Maybe we should completely eliminate the PDF versions and make them Web forms...

N. Opportunities

- i. During our discussion for the awarding of the Northminster grant, we discovered a need for mentoring young people graduating out of the Foster Care system, and potential ways to connect the Campus ministries into the Presbytery if we have an interest in developing a mentorship

program for young adults, especially to assist those young adults coming from Foster Care.