A-14 Network Support and Grants Report May 2023

The Network Support and Grants committee has met twice since the last presbytery meeting. (March and May) We tried to reschedule the April meeting and were not successful

So far this year we have reviewed 3 Northminster Grant requests totaling \$11,000 (\$1,000, \$5,000 and \$5,000)

There have been no Peacemaking grant requests

Northminster Grant requests:

Equipping for Ministry Network - Women's Spiritual Nurture Retreat: Reviewed and approved for \$1,000

Corinth Presbyterian Church - Children and Family Ministry: Reviewed and approved for \$5,000

This took some significant discernment, I can share our reasoning upon request. Briefly; this request is being applied to augment a new staff position, but this staffing is innovative in that it is designed to find, welcome and integrate people with disabilities into ministry leadership by providing staff that is trained in working with people with disabilities.

Presbyterian Church of Wilmington - Feeding the Hungry and Growing Our Capacity to Serve: Reviewed and approved for \$5,000

There was one request to create or modify a network, this request grew out of the former "Pass It On" network which saw the 2 churches that formed that network combine into the Xenia United church. We brought together the "Sweet Dreams" ministry that was growing out of the "Pass It On network, and the Matthew 25 ministry "Peaceful Dreams" from the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springboro, and they worked together to (re)create a network "Sweet and Peaceful Dreams" from those efforts. I believe the areas covered by the new network mark a significant increase in scale from the original network, and will hope to increase funding in 2024.

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