

**THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY
NETWORK SUPPORT AND GRANTS
POLICY AND PRACTICE**

(Note: Whenever the term “minister of the Word and Sacrament” is used in this Policy and Practice, it is deemed to be identical to the equivalent term “teaching elder” when that term is used in the Book of Order.)

**ARTICLE I
POLICY**

Section 1.01: General

The policies of the Network Support and Grants Committee represent the authority vested in it by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. In carrying out such policies the Network Support and Grants Committee is acting as the presbytery in all measure and manner. All additions, deletions or changes to policy must be approved by the presbytery. No policy of the Network Support and Grants Committee shall be contrary to the provisions of the *Book of Order*.

Section 1.02: Function

The Network Support and Grants Committee shall execute the various functions necessary to carry out the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, in accordance with *Section 3.10* of the *PMV Policy and Practice*.

1. Establishing, monitoring and maintaining criteria for Designated Networks within the presbytery.
2. Establishing, monitoring and maintaining new network approval process.
3. Reviewing existing Designated Networks annually.
4. Establishing, monitoring and maintaining criteria for Network financial support.
5. Allocating funds to Networks from amounts provided directly to the committee in the presbytery budget or from other presbytery funds appropriate for the Networks' missions, and reporting such allocations to the presbytery through the Leadership Council. (Added 2/9/19)
6. Identifying and evaluating issues facing the presbytery that might be served by establishing Designated Networks.
7. Establishing, monitoring and maintaining criteria for the approval of grants outside of the presbytery for funding of Designated Networks; such approval by the committee shall be required for all outside grant funding.
8. Providing oversight of all Designated Network grants from outside sources, with advice and counsel from the Presbytery Trustees.
9. Establishing, monitoring and maintaining criteria for the administration of grants from the Northminster Fund.
10. Evaluating and awarding of grants from the Northminster Fund.

11. Providing oversight of all presbytery matching grants from General Assembly and/or Synod.
12. Assisting the presbytery, through the Leadership Council, in its covenantal relationship with Self Development of People. *[Clerk's Note: Carrying out this provision depends on the completion of work underway in the Leadership Council to clarify covenantal relationships with a variety of entities. See Clerk's Note appended to Presbytery of the Miami Valley Policy and Practice Article IV.]*

Section 1.03: Network Support and Grants Size

Membership of the Network Support and Grants Committee shall be six ministers of the Word and Sacrament and six ruling elders, elected in three classes of four persons, for terms of three years each, renewable for one term.

One member of the committee shall be chosen by the committee to serve a one-year renewable term on the Leadership Council.

Section 1.04: Quorum

One more than one-half of the current voting members shall constitute a quorum. All proceedings from meetings with no quorum present must be ratified at the earliest subsequent meeting in which there is a quorum.

Section 1.05: Budget

The operating budget for the Network Support and Grants Committee shall be determined and approved by the presbytery. As part of the budget process, the Network Support and Grants Committee shall provide its funding request annually to the Presbytery Trustees.

Section 1.06: Communication and Access

The Network Support and Grants Committee shall be open to communication and access at all times to all ministers of the Word and Sacrament, ruling elders, and church members within the presbytery.

Section 1.07: Staff Support

The Executive Presbyter shall serve as staff support without vote.

(End of Article I)

**ARTICLE II
PRACTICE**

Section 2.01: Schedule of Meetings

Meetings shall be held generally eight times a year at a schedule to be determined. The Network Support and Grants Committee may meet in special session as needed. All actions taken by the Network Support and Grants Committee shall be reported at the next meeting of the Leadership Council.

(End of Article II)

(End of Network Support and Grants Committee Policy and Practice)