

Ministry Resource Committee Grant Offerings

MRC is pleased to support Charlotte Presbytery Congregations by providing grants for ministry/mission, training, and events. Congregations receiving a grant from MRC will be asked to share their experience with the presbytery, which, at the discretion of the MRC, may include presentations, articles, consultations with other congregations, or a brief written summary about the activity for which the grant was used.

I. MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

A. Shared Mission Grant:

Through its program of *Shared Mission Grants*, the Presbytery of Charlotte seeks to encourage the congregations within its bounds to join hands in shared mission, ministry, and discipleship projects with local congregations or local community non-profit agencies. Just as Christ says that wherever two or three are gathered in his name he is there among them (Matthew 18:20), so it is our hope that whenever churches, or churches and local non-profit organizations, come together for ministry in his name the power and presence of Christ will shine even brighter in those places. **Grants for up to \$5,000 nonrenewable. Rolling deadline.**

ELIGIBILITY: To receive a Shared Mission Grant, two or more congregations or a congregation and non-profit board must come together to formulate a plan for shared mission in their area. At least one church shall be a congregation of the Presbytery of Charlotte with a membership of **less than 200 members**. Each church and/or non-profit agency in the shared project shall have an active role in the work and contribute some time, talent, or financial resources to the project. The shared mission work should serve people beyond the walls of the congregations, reaching out into the community in “compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress” (Book of Order, G-2.0201).

APPLICATION: Shared Mission Grants are coordinated by the Presbytery’s Ministry Resource Committee (MRC). The grant application shall include, among other things, the endorsement of all participating sessions and governing boards; a detailed expense budget of project and mission expenses and other sources of funds; and a detailed description of how the mission work will be shared by the participating congregations and/or non-profit organization. An incomplete application may result in the application being denied.

B. Hamilton Fund Grant

In 1980, Mrs. George Hamilton gave her home to Mecklenburg Presbytery that it might be sold and the interest from the investment used for the small churches of the presbytery. Mrs. Hamilton died in 1986, and memorial contributions were added to the principal of the fund. We are grateful for the life of Mrs. Hamilton and for her generosity. Hamilton Fund Grants assist congregations of **200 members or less** with new projects or programs that could not be included in the annual budget of their congregation. **Grants up to \$1000 nonrenewable. Rolling deadline.**

C. New Initiatives Grant

To assist a new worshipping community or to help an already established congregation who is taking on a completely new initiative which responds to a changing ministry context and develops innovative programs or projects that lead to increased outreach and vitality for the congregation. If the new initiative has already been implemented, it must have been implemented within the last three months to qualify for a new initiative grant. **Grants up to \$3000 per congregation per year. Rolling deadline.**

D. Level 1-4 New Worshipping Community Grant

To assist a new worshipping community in funding the core mission of their community for a discrete season of the community's life (1-7 years). Grants are scaled in successive amounts or 'levels' with benchmark and narrative accountability with the Ministry Resource Committee and PCUSA. In general, funds available from the Presbytery and PCUSA total as follows:

Level 1: \$7,500 "seed grant" from the PCUSA

Level 2: \$30,000 "investment grant" from PCUSA; matched by MRC

Level 3: \$30,000 "growth grant" from PCUSA; matched by MRC

Level 4: Amounts determined in conversation with the MRC

For more information about the PCUSA grants listed above, please click [here](#).

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/>

E. Level 1-4 Transformation Grant

The Ministry Resource Committee will work with congregations undergoing significant transformation to offer grants scaled in successive amounts, with benchmark and narrative accountability to MRC.

II. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

A. Training Grant

Designed to resource pastoral/church staff, officers, and/or designated committees within a congregation by providing funding for outside expertise, coaching, and/or registration costs of conferences or continuing education events. To provide resources that will help pastoral/church staff, officers, and/or designated committees within a congregation to be supported in ministry with outside expertise, coaching, conferences, and/or registration costs of conferences or continuing education events. **Grants up to \$2,000 per congregation per year. Rolling deadline.**

III. EVENT SUPPORT

A. Cluster Partnership Grant

To encourage church connections and partnerships through new events, programs or ministries coordinated by MRC Ambassadors from at least two churches within the same cluster of the Presbytery of Charlotte. One time grants up to \$1,000.

B. Event Grant

To provide support for mission or ministry events sponsored by at least two congregations of the Presbytery of Charlotte, held in-person within the bounds of the Presbytery, and/or promoted by the Presbytery and offered virtually. One time grants up to \$1,000 per event.