

2023 Ministry Resource Committee Grant Offerings

To access individual grant applications, please visit:

www.presbyofcharlotte.org/program-areas/ministry-resource-committee/grants/

Note: Presbytery of Charlotte churches participating in annual shared mission giving to the presbytery may apply for grants. Churches that have not historically participated in shared mission giving, but will participate in 2023 with a contribution may apply. For more information about shared mission giving, please email presbyteryofcharlottemrc@gmail.com.

1. Event Grant

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

2. Hamilton Fund Grant

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.**

3. Partnership Grant (formerly known as Shared Mission Grant)

Through its program of *Partnership 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.**

Partnership Grants and Transformation Grants cannot be awarded to the same church in the same year and cannot be used for staff related expenses.

4. Pathways Grant

To provide support for Presbytery of Charlotte ruling elders who plan to become commissioned pastors in the Presbytery of Charlotte and who are enrolled in the Pathways Program offered through Union Seminary in Charlotte or another Committee on Ministry (COM) approved program. Applicants should have an approved Commissioned Pastor Training Program application on file with COM. For more information about the Commissioned Pastor Training Program or application, please contact Lisa Dillard at: lisa.dillard@presbyofcharlotte.org. **Grants of up to \$300 per year will be awarded to ruling elders for tuition or other academic expenses. Rolling Deadline.**

5. Technology Grant

To support congregations seeking to enhance their ministry through technology upgrades. **Grants up to \$1,500 per congregation. Rolling Deadline**

6. Training Grant

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, conference registration fees, or continuing education. **Grants up to \$1,250 per congregation per year. Rolling Deadline.**

7. Transformation Grant

To assist congregations who are taking on a transformative initiative that responds to a changing ministry context and develops innovative programs or projects that lead to community transformation, increased outreach, and/or vitality for the congregation. **Grants up to \$5,000 nonrenewable. Rolling Deadline**

To be considered for a Transformation Grant, applicants should provide answers to the following questions:

1. What new initiative is the Holy Spirit leading your congregation to pursue?
2. How is the Holy Spirit moving your congregation towards this initiative?
3. How will this initiative offer a sustainable transformational impact on your congregation and/or community?
4. Who will organize and oversee the initiative?
5. Please provide an income and expense budget for this initiative.

Transformation Grants and Partnership Grants cannot be awarded to the same church in the same year and cannot be used for staff related expenses.