

2024 Ministry Resource Committee Grant Offerings

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- 1. Clergy Edification Grant-** Ministry can be lonely and demanding. For this reason, clergy often feel isolated and alone. The Clergy Edification Grant provides resources that will enable Presbytery of Charlotte clergy to connect, build community, and build mutually supportive relationships with one another. **Grants of up to \$250 per year.**
- 2. Facilities Grant-** Assists churches with expenses related to necessary repairs and/or improvements needed for ministry. **One-time grants of up to \$2,000 per church.**
- 3. Event Grant-** Provides support for mission or ministry events sponsored by at least two congregations of the Presbytery of Charlotte, 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.**
- 4. Hamilton Fund Grant-** Assists 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).**
- 5. Partnership Grant-** Through *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.**
- 6. Pathways Grant-** Provides 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 \$400 per year will be awarded to ruling elders for tuition or other academic expenses.**
- 7. Technology Grant-** Supports congregations seeking to enhance their ministry through technology upgrades. **Grants up to \$2,500 per congregation.**

8. Training Grant- Provides 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.**

9. Transformation Grant- Assists 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).**

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.

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