

SOC Grants Team

Minutes from 1/22/21 Meeting

Lisa Allgood, Betty Angelini, Chip Hardwick (notetaker), Brady Radford, present.

Motion for the AC:

The 2020 Grants Team makes the following recommendations to the Administrative Commission of the Synod of the Covenant:

1. That the 2021 Grants Team will seek intentional diversity and have the following make-up, with staff support provided by the SOC Interim Executive:
 - a. One SOC Commissioner (Georgia McCall)
 - b. Four At-Large Members (Betty Angelini, three TBD)
 - c. Two Presbytery Staff Leaders (Lisa Allgood, Fran Lane-Lawrence)
 - d. The Treasurer of the Synod
2. That the *Higher Education Scholarships* become *Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders* in order to better align with SOC goals
 - a. Available to students pursuing their first masters in theology, undergraduate college/university or associates or vocational degrees
 - b. Applicants will describe how they provide leadership for Christian ministries which live into the Matthew 25 goals.
 - c. Special consideration will be given to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students and students with significant financial need, in line with Mt 25 goals (structural racism and systemic poverty).
 - d. Awardees would be announced no later than June 30, 2021.
3. That the Racial-Ethnic and New Covenant Grant programs be combined into one Matthew 25 Grant Program (funding efforts to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty), in order to better align with the goals of the Synod.
 - a. Available to churches, ministries, and institutions which are PC(USA)
 - b. Special consideration will be given to churches, ministries, and institutions which are primarily BIPOC and/or whose proposals center directly on the same context (neighborhood) as the congregation.
 - c. Awardees would be announced no later than November 15, 2021