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Grants and Scholarship Team Synod of the Covenant May 6, 2025

Membership

1. The Grants and Scholarship Team shall consist of six members. The Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Synod Executive, nominates candidates for membership, who are then elected by the Synod Assembly in three classes for three-year terms. No member may serve for more than six consecutive years.
2. The Team's membership shall reflect the Synod's commitment to Unity in Diversity (F-1.0403), comprised of ruling and teaching elders in equal numbers as possible. Each Team member shall come from a different presbytery. Synod commissioners are eligible to serve on the Grants and Scholarship Team, but members of the Team do not have to be synod commissioners.
3. The Synod Executive/Head of Staff and the Associate for Racial Justice shall be ex-officio members of the Team with voice but no vote.
4. The Moderator of the Grants and Scholarship Team shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Synod Assembly for a one-year renewable term.

Responsibilities

1. Coordinates the Synod's grants to presbyteries, congregations, and ministries within the Synod of the Covenant according to the mission priorities set by the Synod Assembly.
2. Coordinates the Synod's higher education scholarships for Christian leaders rising out of congregations or ministries within the Synod of the Covenant.

Organization

Quorum

A quorum is a majority of those currently serving on the Team. Team members are considered present if attending in person or joining the Team meeting remotely.

Meetings

1. The Team shall meet at least four (4) times per year; may convene at the call of the Synod Moderator, Moderator of the Grants and Scholarship Team, or any three voting members with at least ten days' notice for a special meeting.
2. Electronic conferencing may be used for meetings, provided all participants can hear and be heard simultaneously.

Authority & Accountability

1. The Synod Assembly sets the priorities and focus for grants and scholarships coordinated by the Team. The Team is funded through the Synod's budget.
2. The Grants and Scholarship Team reports directly to the Synod Assembly.