



The Synod of the Covenant

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PRESS RELEASE

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The Synod of the Covenant Announces Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders Award Winners

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded over \$40,000 in scholarships to 44 students from 9 presbyteries and 19 churches. These awards, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, go to the winners of the Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders.

These scholarships include 35 bachelor degrees, 2 associate degrees, and 7 theology degrees. Of the 44 scholarships 23 were given to people who self-identified as Black, Korean, Asian, and African.

This year, in addition to articulating their career goals, applicants also reflected on how they work toward building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and/or eradicating systemic poverty. These areas of ministry characterize the Matthew 25 movement within the Presbyterian Church (USA), of which the Synod of the Covenant is a part.

These scholarships are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 700 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 100,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Lisa Allgood (Presbytery of Cincinnati), Rev. Betty Angelini, chair (Eastminster Presbytery), Rev. Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Rev. Skip Jackson (Scioto Valley Presbytery), Georgia McCall (Lake Huron Presbytery), and Rev. Matt Meinke (Maumee Valley Presbytery).

This team will also administer and award the Matthew 25 Grants for churches and ministries; the application for these awards are available on www.synodofthecovenant.org, and applications will be due by September 30, 2023.

Let us focus together on the words of Colossians 1:9-10 as we thank God and pray for our scholarship winners (listed beginning on next page):

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works.

2022-23 Higher Education Scholarship for Christian Leaders

Cincinnati Presbytery

Knox Presbyterian Church

Zachary Goode

Zoe Goode

Detroit Presbytery

Broadstreet Presbyterian Church

Jeremiah Harris

Nia Harris

Calvary Presbyterian Church of Detroit

Aniyah Ngare

Sakinah Wilson

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church

Isabella Beattie

Jenna Dell

Starr Presbyterian Church

Lon Kuehn

Westminster Church of Detroit

Andrew Palmer

Ishmael Taylor

Lake Huron Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church of Alma

Adam Dixon

Daniel Dixon

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Lily Brown

First Presbyterian Church Mt. Pleasant

Anna Miller

Memorial Presbyterian Church

Elinor Hnizda

Lake Michigan Presbytery

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church

Richard Recob

Kaliana Waluck

First Presbyterian Church Kalamazoo

Ailih Weeldreyer

Mackinac Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church Escanaba

Madison Ide

Brooke Landis

Northern Lakes Community Church

Amy Jun

Hannah Jun

Maumee Valley Presbytery

Christ Presbyterian Church

Janet Taylor

First Presbyterian Church of Maumee

Isaac Tolbert

Lillian Tolbert

Taylor Snyder

Hanmi Covenant Presbyterian Church

Grace Kim

Jiwoon Jung

Yeonsu Kang

Dayun Kim

Jaeyong Lee

Yaewon Nam

Nahyeon Shim

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Bloomfield United Presbyterian Church

Timothy Pollock

Scioto Valley Presbytery

Ramseyer Presbyterian Church

Abigail Konadu

Daisy Asante

Jocelyn Owusu

Juliana Asieduwaa

Justice Ofosuhene

Priscilla Oppong-Amoh

Shanelle Abbiw

Stanley Asante

Presbytery of the Western Reserve

Christ Presbyterian Church

Morgan Palchick