



# The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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### **The Synod of the Covenant Announces Matthew 25 Grant Winners**

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded \$50,000 in grants to 14 congregations and ministries in 8 presbyteries. These awards, ranging from \$1,625 to \$5000, to programs that represent the principles of Matthew 25.

The focus of the grants is to support ministries to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and/or eradicate systemic poverty. These goals stem from the denomination's Matthew 25 movement. Of 22 grant applications 14 were awarded.

Here are the grant awardees for 2025:

#### **Cincinnati Presbytery**

*Heritage Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 Food with Friends

*Korean Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati*

\$1,625 Mosaic Project

*Third Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 Youth Mentorship Program

#### **Detroit Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church Warren*

\$5,000 Day Center



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## **Lake Michigan Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac*

\$2,500 Warming Center

*First Presbyterian Church of Lansing*

\$5,000 Justice League of Greater Lansing

*Westminster Presbyterian Church Portage*

\$2,000 Westminster Warming Center

## **Mackinac Presbytery**

*Presbyterian Church of Traverse City*

\$5,000 Immigrant Solidarity Program

## **Maumee Valley Presbytery**

*Hanmi Covenant Presbyterian Church*

\$1,625 Korean Student Ministry

## **Presbytery of the Miami Valley**

*Huntsville Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 The Art of Neighboring



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## Scioto Valley Presbytery

*First Presbyterian Church of Logan*

\$2,000 Healthy Foods for Presbyterian Food Pantry

*First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth*

\$3,250 Client Essential Services

*Worthington Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 A Light to the Nations

## The Presbytery of the Western Reserve

*North Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 Chaplaincy Intervention

These grants, as well as the Higher Education Scholarships previously announced, are funded in part by per capita payments from the 635 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 80,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Mary Austin (Lake Michigan Presbytery), Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Barry Chance (Eastminster Presbytery), Lynne Elmore (Mackinac Presbytery), Tim MacMilan (Presbytery of the Western Reserve), and Chip Hardwick (Synod of the Covenant). In this Thanksgiving season, the committee is grateful for all who applied for these grants:

*“In this Thanksgiving season, we are thankful for you. Peace and love with faith to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s grace to all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love that never ends” (Ephesians 6:23-24).*