



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PRESS RELEASE

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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).