



**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
 APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF RESTRICTED FUND (2021)**

All applicants should read the instructions carefully before completing the application. The downloadable application form, along with instructions and guidelines, are provided at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/who-we-are/financials/>. Please type or print. Applicants will be notified of application status in October 2021.

Complete the form below and send to

- Session: Proposals must be sent to the Presbytery by May 1**
- Presbytery: Recommended proposals must be sent to the Synod by June 1**
- Synod: Recommended proposals must be sent to the Restricted Funds Oversight Subcommittee by July 1**

I. TO BE COMPLETED BY REQUESTING COUNCIL OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTITY

Pin Number: 06816	E-mail: office@ashlandfpc.org	Fund Number: F58879
Fund Restriction (see General Assembly Mission 2021 Unassigned Funds list): Mission work among Chinese and Spanish Americans		
Grant amount requested (must equal or exceed \$1,000): \$ 3,000	Total Program/Project Budget (please complete budget worksheet): \$ 3,000	
If an application was made to other restricted funds for the <u>same program/project</u> , please list fund number(s): N/A		
Have you previously received a restricted fund grant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, which year did you receive the restricted fund grant? Year:	
		For Committee Use Only—Amount Granted \$

Applicant name and address (Council or General Assembly Entity):

Designated program/project contact person:

Ashland First Presbyterian Church
 Name

Li "Dolly" Dong - Chinese Church Ministry
 Name

320 Church Street
 Address

419-617-9385
 Phone Number

Ashland, Ohio 44805
 City, State, and ZIP Code

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 E-mail

If the applicant is a church (session), please provide the following information:

2020			
Church Membership	145	Operating Budget	\$ 302,109
Average Worship Attendance	50	Amounts Contributed to Presbytery, Synod, and GA (Excluding Per Capita)	\$ 73

Proposed Use:

The proposed use should be responsive to Evaluation Guidelines on page 5 of the grant application process instructions. If the proposed use is for church building/repair or a scholarship, **STOP** [see Church Building Aid and Student Financial Aid Inquiries on page 7 of application instructions]. Approved applications receive a one-time grant distributed in a lump sum. Grants must be used within two years of distribution.



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Proposed Use (continued):

a. Please provide a brief description of the program/project for which funding is requested:

Chinese Church Ministry started in Ashland, Ohio in 2008. Since then, we have gathered together as a Chinese community to worship, participate in cultural activities and Chinese holidays, study the Bible, and serve Chinese students studying on the Ashland University campus.

Chinese Church Ministry serves Chinese families and international students, most of whom are not Christians. We share God's love with them and welcome them to our church gatherings. We plan activities that bring people together. We read the Bible together and introduce these friends to Jesus Christ through trusting relationships. When participants express a desire to be baptized, we walk them through the process and celebrate their baptisms with the First Presbyterian Church community.

b. Is the program/project ongoing, or is it a new initiative (please explain):

Chinese Church Ministry is an ongoing program. When the pandemic presented unique challenges to our ministry, we continued to meet virtually and serve Chinese students and families in creative ways. We have resumed in-person church services and small holiday gatherings with safety protocols in place. We continue to meet online for Bible studies.

One of our main needs is to further train Chinese leaders in spiritual formation and discipleship. These men and women are excited to learn more about the Christian faith and become involved in our local church ministries. Funding for Christian education, spiritual direction, and equipping leaders would help them become more equipped for leadership in both Chinese Church and our local congregation.

c. Are funds being received from other sources to support this program/project? If so, what are the sources, and how much?

Ashland First Presbyterian Church supports our ministry with a budget of \$6,500 per year. This covers expenses for our Chinese Church worship services, Bible studies, special events, and retreats. Funds being requested in this application are above and beyond the budgeted amount of \$6,500, as requested expenses would be specific to training Chinese leaders (see item b).

In October 2020 we received the 1001 Pivot Grant for the New Worship Community program (\$1,000). This grant was spent on outreach efforts to new visitors to our New Worship Community in Mansfield, Ohio, including Bible study materials and Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners where we shared God's love through prayer, worship, and fellowship.

d. Background (more detailed description of program/project, and please show partnership with other mid councils):

I (Dolly Dong) have worked as a staff partner with Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) since June 2018. FPC is the church with whom I partner. This partnership allows me to do ministry work on a full-time basis. I work closely with FPC and have collaborated with General Presbyter Matt Skolnik to integrate Chinese Church participants into our presbytery's ministry.

Last spring Chinese Church Ministry launched a special outreach effort to provide meals for international students who were unable to return home due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. Our group collaborated with FPC members and other local contributors to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to these students. They shared with us how meaningful it was to receive meals and cards during a time when they felt alone and afraid. I feel that they were touched by God's love.



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2. BUDGET FOR PROJECT/PROGRAM (REVENUE SHOULD EQUAL EXPENSE)

REVENUE ITEM	AMOUNT	EXPENSE ITEM	AMOUNT
Total GAM Grant Funding Request	\$3,000	Planning	
Individual Contribution(s)		Promotional Materials and Advertising	
Presbytery Contribution(s)		Leadership Honoraria	
Synod Contribution(s)		Leadership Travel/Housing/Meals	\$2,500
Other: (Describe each item over 10% of budget)		Christian education materials/spiritual direction Other: (Describe each item over 10% of budget)	\$500
Tuition and Fees from Participants		Subsidies to Participants	
Total Project Revenue	\$3,000	Total Project Expense	\$3,000

3. COMMENTS

Presbytery

Synod



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4. REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Councils

<u>Jolynn M. Lopeman</u>	<u>Ashland First Presbyterian Church</u>	<u><i>Jolynn M. Lopeman</i></u>	<u>4/15/2021</u>
Clerk of Session	Church Name	Signature	Date

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Presbytery Representative

Synod Representative

Matthew J. Skolnik 4/19/2021
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Division Director (GA Only)

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Executive Director/President/Stated Clerk

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Restricted Funds Oversight Subcommittee

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