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#### PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERY FUNDING GUIDELINES

- 1. At least two churches must be involved (Matthew 18:19-20 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."). God speaks to us through the minds of people working together. A solitary person may not be heading in the direction that God has in mind.
- 2. The funds must be used for the Presbyterian Church or for Presbyterian missionaries. We are not financially able to support the missions of other churches no matter how admirable. The obvious disclaimer is that we will support missions that are joint missions of Presbyterians with others.
- 3. We will not support missions that are in direct conflict with regularly scheduled church activities.
- 4. We will give first preference to those missions that feed the hungry, house the homeless, visit the infirm, the sick, the imprisoned, and the lonely. We will give equal preference to those missions that further the Word.
- 5. We need to discern requests for funds that are more social than religious. For example, we do not wish to support a Presbyterian golf league per se.
- 6. Since the Holy Spirit speaks to each of us and the message is not in conflict, one to another, we need to listen carefully to the voices of everyone on the committee. If we listen carefully and work together, we may hope to follow the Voice of the Holy Spirit.
- 7. We must be prudent with our funds. Our pockets are not endless. Therefore we are setting a guideline of up to \$5,000 per mission per year. This guideline will be re-evaluated periodically to ensure we are spending down the Presbytery mission funds while responding to all the approved requests. We may exceed the guideline of \$5,000 with a majority vote presuming we do so for a commanding need, and or at the end of the year when no further requests are expected.

Those who submit a request for funding deserve to receive a prompt reply, yea or nay. If the response is "nay", the requestors deserve an explanation as to what they can do to change the outcome.

## Application for Funding from Presbytery Mission Funds

1. Name of Mission
2. Names of churches who are sponsors. Include the date the mission was approved/accepted by their mission committee or session. (at least 2 churches are required)
3. Describe your mission:

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expenses.
5. Name(s) of person/persons who will be willing to present the proposal at the Mission Committee meeting (name, church, phone number, email address).
6. Name(s) of person/persons who will be willing to do a Minute for Mission at a church to describe their mission (name, church, phone number, email address).
7. Name(s) of person/persons who will be willing to write a short article for a newsletter describing the mission (name, church, phone number, email address).
8. Is your mission time/date sensitive? Describe.
9. How will your mission help peoplefeed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, the lonely, the imprisoned, house the homeless, further the church of Jesus Christ? Describe.

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10. Is this a one-time mission or an on-going mission?
11. How much money are you requesting?
12. Name(s) of person(s) completing this application who are available for answering questions (name, church, phone number, email address).
13. If the funding is approved, to whom should the payment be made and what address?
14. If approved you will be expected to provide a report on how your mission was completed.
Signature of person(s) submitting the application
Date
Note: Your questions can be directed to :