

Mission Grants Committee Report 2017-2018

The Mission Grants Committee is made up of representatives from each of the Associations that make up the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ. Douglas Satterlee (Juniata) · Bruce Ashlock (Somerset) · Peggy Mortimer (Clarion) · Bob McKie (Westmoreland) · Laddie Ohl (Lake Erie) · Nancy Gleyze (Pittsburgh) · Diane Wiley (Moderator) · Tom Croner (Assistant Moderator) · David Ackerman and Diane Fox (Staff).

In 2017 the committee awarded over \$29,000 in grants to 20 churches in the Penn West Conference. You can view the churches that won awards on the conference web site at www.pennwest.org

For 2018-2019 the conference will again offer grants to the churches in our conference. They will be in the following categories:

- **Reaching Out** – Funds are available for new or ongoing ministries that support a congregation's efforts to strengthen its relationships and visibility through service to its larger community. Maximum award \$1,500.
- **Strengthening the Church** – Funds are available to support church growth and development within the Penn West Conference. Maximum award \$1,500.
- **Operational Support** – Operational awards support local churches in purchasing, updating, maintaining, replacing or repairing facility and equipment, or any worthwhile ministry project or program that helps the congregation provide continuity of mission to its community. Maximum award \$1,000.

It would be the pleasure of the committee to award everyone who applies for a grant but, as we all know, the demand out stretches the supply. In many of those cases last year, where no grant was awarded, the reason wasn't because the cause wasn't worthwhile but because the applications were not filled out properly. We cannot stress enough the importance of giving as much information as possible when applying. Please fill out the application as fully and accurately as you possibly can.

The timeline for this year's awards is as follows:

Application Due October 1, 2018 (application available online)

Committee Reviews Applications October 1-31, 2018

Announcement of Grants Made November 1, 2018

Mission Grants Ceremony November 19, 11 AM, at First Reformed United Church of Christ, 312 S. Maple Ave., Greensburg PA 15601

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