

Penn West Conference  
Mission Grants Committee Report

The Mission Grant Committee awards grants to the churches of the Penn West Conference. The committee members are representatives from the six Associations, and includes the Conference staff, (David Ackerman, Diane Fox, Andrea Kopcak), our Moderator, (David Mears) and Assistant Moderator (Liddy Barlow).

Grants are awarded in one of the following categories:

Reaching Out- Funds are available for new or ongoing ministries that help alleviate human need and suffering. It also strengthens the relationships and visibility through services to the community. Maximum request is \$1500.

Strengthening the Church- Funds are available to support Church growth and development within the Conference. Maximum request is \$1000.

Operational Support- Funds are available to support local churches in purchasing, updating, maintaining, replacing, or repairing facility and equipment. This provides continuity of mission the church's community. Maximum request is \$1000.

If awarded a grant, a final report is due in September.

These grants are funded by the Kermit Thomas bequest, the Corman Fund, Neighbors in Need, and Strengthen the Church. Grants will also be funded by Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy Campaign.

A Zoom training for aiding churches in the application process was held on May 13, 2025 by David, Diane, and Andrea. If you have questions about applying for a grant contact Diane or Andrea at the Conference.

Applications for 2025 are on the PWC's website and are due October 1; Committee meeting to award grants is October 13; A representative from the future Keystone Conference will attend to learn about our mission. Churches receiving grants are notified November 1. An award ceremony will be held in November to present grant awards to churches.

Jon Colburn, Alice Neibauer, and Jill Marie have completed their terms. New members will be elected at Annual Meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Marie (Clarion)  
Jon Colburn (Pittsburgh)  
Megan Evans (Somerset)  
Don Kelly (Westmoreland)  
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