

Application for “Mission Partnership” Grant Presbytery of Beaver-Butler, Presbyterian Church (USA)

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Unit of Beaver-Butler Presbytery has available each year money for mission partnership grants, to encourage congregations within the presbytery to participate in mission partnerships with other churches or organizations. The primary purpose of these grants is to help provide initial funding and preparation for ongoing independent activities by the partnership. Priority will be given to new partnerships each year.

Applications for mission partnership grants should be received by the Missions and Outreach Ministry Unit on or before December 31st, with the grants to be awarded at the March meeting of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Any applications received after this date may be considered, depending upon the strength of the application, and availability of funds.

The Guidelines for partnership grants are:

1. General Mission Partnership

- a. This is a long term relationship between a congregation, group of congregations, or a congregation and another church body or community organization for the purpose of pursuing a commonly identified mission.
- b. It can be local, regional, or national
- c. The partners must mutually identify the common mission or objectives in writing and spend time getting to know one another in the pursuit of this mission. Examples might be to get several congregations to go on a mission trip, to start a food bank, or to work together on an outreach program in the community.
- d. Mutual responsibilities and involvements of the partners must be specified.
*(see A Resource on Developing Mission Partnerships:
<http://www.pcusa.org/smallchurch/pdf/missionpartnerships.pdf>)*
- e. Session approval required and approval from other partner governing body.
- f. Maximum grant per year: \$5000
- g. A written/oral report of the activities of the partnership and use of the funds should be provided at the end of the grant year.

2. International Mission Partnership

- a. This type of partnership should not begin without input and guidance from PCUSA international mission office
- b. There should be no financial involvement for the first 2 years
- c. Partners should identify the mutual concerns, mission vision and objectives of the partnership
- d. Initial grants can be made to help establish the partnership
- e. Multiple years grants could be possible depending on the plans
*(See Protocols for Partnerships:
<http://www.pcusa.org/worldwide/get-involved/protocols.htm>)*
- f. Approval of both party's governing body required
- g. Maximum grant per year: \$5000
- h. An annual report of the activities of the partnership and use of the funds should be provided at the end of the grant year.

Mission Partnership Application

Please provide the following information for consideration for a grant

I. Date of Application: _____

Applicant Church's Name:

Pastor:

Church's Address:

Date of Session Endorsement:

Contact Person:

Home Address:

Home Phone: Work/Other Phone:

Email address:

Partner Name:

Pastor or Director:

Address:

Date of endorsement

Contact Person

Phone numbers:

Email address:

II. Brief Description of desired Mission Partnership

Submit no more than a one page response to each of the following:

- a. Background information on the proposed partnership.
- b. Partnership summary/purpose and use of the grant.
- c. Ways in which members of the congregation will be involved in the partnership.
- d. A partnership timeline.
- e. Expected outcome and method of evaluation and assessment.

III. Total anticipated annual cost of the partnership:

(Please attach a breakdown of the anticipated expenses involved and financial responsibilities of each partner)

IV. Documentation of partner approval of this plan.

Applicant Signature _____ Date: _____

Clerk of Session _____ Date: _____

Send completed application to: Attention: Mission & Outreach Ministry Unit, Beaver-Butler Presbytery,
P.O. Box 279, Zelenople, PA 16063