

Emerging Need Grants in the COVID-19 Crisis

The congregations of John Calvin Presbytery are a critical presence in our communities. Every congregation has been impacted by COVID-19; likewise every community in our presbytery and in every corner of the globe. The Presbyterian Church USA is working to respond. John Calvin Presbytery seeks to be a part of that response.

Last May \$100,000 from our investments was set aside to assist congregations in responding to the needs in their community.

Congregations can apply multiple times. A limit of \$2,500 has been set for each grant request.

Grants will be either....

- Emergency needs related to food, shelter, basic hygiene
- New approaches to existing ministries. Many of our congregations have had to find new ways to worship. Community ministries may similarly need to be pivoted. A JCP grant could help with this.
- New ways to minister: Ministries that are sustainable beyond the receipt of the grant, and those that can transition to a longer-term strategy.

We hope that members of the local churches will give as they can, to multiply the effectiveness of the grant. The session can set a goal to match every grant dollar, or a fraction of every dollar. Churches are encouraged to partner with other churches and or agencies to coordinate aid in the community.

We have been blessed with gifts that can help at a time like this. It is exciting to see how these gifts entrusted to presbytery can help produce a harvest 10, 50 and 100 times over.

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