

Presbytery of West Jersey

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Mission Committee

PEACEMAKING GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES

An annual Peacemaking Offering is taken in many congregations of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The purpose of the Offering is to support peacemaking efforts throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each congregation's offering is distributed as follows:

50% - enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

25% - is given to your presbytery and synod for their peacemaking efforts.

25% - is retained by your congregation for support of your own peacemaking ministry.

The following guidelines have been established to help the Mission Committee determine how to allocate the **25%** of the Peacemaking Offering retained by the Presbytery. Allocation of these funds is the responsibility of the Mission Committee, and expenditures are subject to an annual review by the Finance and Stewardship Committee of the Presbytery.

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS

1. Funds are available for any Peacemaking Program or event planned and executed by the Mission Committee.
2. Churches participating in the Peacemaking Offering are encouraged to submit Grant Requests, including requests for matching fund grants for projects supported by a church's portion of the Peacemaking Offering.
3. Applications for activities to promote peacemaking through travel grants, study scholarships, advocacy grants, and contributions to peacemaking organizations, both Presbyterian and ecumenical, will be considered. Peacemaking activities should be faith-based and nonviolent, and should involve the seeking of justice and/or the reconciling of conflict. It is expected that grant applications will clearly articulate how the requested grant will contribute to peacemaking.
4. Applications for grants should be submitted by the 1st of the month to be considered at the next Mission Committee meeting. Application forms are available on the Presbytery's Web site under MISSION (go to: <http://www.wjpresbytery.org/mission>), or contact the Presbytery Office.
5. The following factors will be considered when evaluating grant applications:
 - a. Will the person or organization receiving a grant be available as a future resource for the Mission Committee?
 - b. Is the project Presbyterian-related?
 - c. Is it a project supported by a local congregation's Peacemaking Offering?
 - d. Is it a project emphasized by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program?

If you have any questions, contact the Chairperson of the Mission Committee, Rev. Don Painter.

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