

Penn West Conference  
Mission Grant Committee Report

The Mission Grant Committee's job is to award grants to the churches of the Penn West Conference. The Committee consists of a representative from our six Associations and includes Conference Staff, (David Ackerman and Diane Fox), our Moderator, (George Kepple), and Assistant Moderator (David Mears).

The 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 \$1,500.

Strengthening the Church - Funds are available to support church growth and development within the Conference. Maximum request \$1,500

Operational Support - Funds are available to support local churches in purchasing, updating, maintaining, replacing, or repairing facility and equipment. This provides continuity of mission to the church's community. Maximum request \$1,000.

If awarded a grant, a final report will be due in September of that year.

These grants do not have to be paid back. They are funded by the Kermit Thomas bequest, the Corman Fund, Neighbors in Need, and Strengthen the Church. New this year, grants will also be funded by the Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy campaign. The Committee thanks all of these donors for their generosity.

This year, 26 churches received \$44, 111.00 in grant monies.

Applications for 2023 are found on the PWC's website and are due October 1, 2023. Awards will be announced on November 1, 2023. The award ceremony will be held November 18, 2023 at 11:00 AM at First Reformed UCC, Greensburg. We will be partnering with the Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy Committee for this ceremony.

If you have questions about these grants, please call Diane Fox at the Conference Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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