



# The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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### The Synod of the Covenant Announces Matthew 25 Grant Winners

The Synod of the Covenant is delighted to announce that it has awarded \$50,000 in Matthew 25 grants to 17 congregations and ministries in 9 presbyteries. These awards ranged from \$600 to \$5,000.

The focus of the grants is to support ministries to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and/or eradicate systemic poverty. These goals stem from the denomination's Matthew 25 movement. Of 38 grant applications 17 were awarded.

Here are the grant awardees for the 2023:

#### **Cincinnati Presbytery**

*Korean Presbyterian Church Cincinnati*

\$4,000 for Music School Program

*Lakeside Presbyterian Church*

\$2,500 for Freedom River Pilgrimage

*Third Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 for GED Prep Program



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## **Detroit Presbytery**

*Crossroads Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 for Special Needs Program

*Faith Community Presbyterian Church*

\$3,000 for Symposium for Small Churches

*Northminster Presbyterian Church*

\$3,000 for Community Garden

## **Eastminster Presbytery**

*Firestone Park Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 for Food Insecurity Ministry

*First United Presbyterian Church*

\$1,000 for Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Construction

*First Presbyterian Church of Warren*

\$2,500 for Voices of Micah Project

## **Lake Huron Presbytery**

*Kirkridge Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 for My Little Free Food Pantry

## **Lake Michigan Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw*

\$5,000 for Mi Casa Su Casa Project

*Westminster Presbyterian Church Portage*

\$2,500 for Warming Center



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## **Mackinac Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church Petoskey*

\$600 for The Gathering Project

## **Maumee Valley Presbytery**

*Hanmi Covenant Presbyterian Church*

\$5,000 for College Student Ministry

## **Scioto Valley Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church Waverly*

\$2,400 for Drivers Education Project

## **Presbytery of the Western Reserve**

*The Church of the Western Reserve*

\$2,500 for Wrongful Incarceration Project

## **Various Presbyteries**

*Synod of the Covenant Korean Presbyterian Churches*

\$5,000 for Pastor's Retreat



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These grants, as well as the Higher Education Scholarships previously announced, are funded in part by per capita payments from the 650 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 80,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Lisa Allgood (Cincinnati Presbytery), Barry Chance (Eastminster Presbytery), Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Erin Guzman (Muskingum Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Skip Jackson (Scioto Valley Presbytery), Matt Meinke (Maumee Valley Presbytery), Georgia McCall (Lake Huron Presbytery). The committee is grateful for all who applied for these grants:

*“In this Thanksgiving season, we are thankful for you. Peace and love with faith to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s grace to all of you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love that never ends” (Ephesians 6:23-24).*