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# The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

## 2023 Upcoming Synod Programs and Ministry

- 3/1 10:00 – 11:30 by zoom: Preaching Workshop **“Preaching about Racism in an Era of CRT Bans”** with Rev. Carolyn Helsel, PhD, of Austin Seminary
- 3/9, 3/16, and 3/23 1:00 – 2:00 by zoom: **The Church and Mental Health** webinar (Science for the Church)
- 4/5 No Preaching Workshop due to Holy Week
- 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4 10:00 – 11:30 by zoom: **Pathways to Belonging: Overcoming Clergy Loneliness** webinar (LeaderWise)
- 4/25-26/23 1:00 – 3:30 pm by zoom: **Boundaries Training** (LeaderWise)
  - Also offered by zoom 10/2-3/23 6:00 – 8:30 pm and 11/7-8/23, 1:00 – 3:30 pm
- 5/10/23 10:00 am – 12:30 pm by Zoom: **The Leader’s Table** Webinar (The Missional Network)
- 9/11 and 9/14/23 6:00 – 8:30 by Zoom: **Child Sexual Abuse Protection Training** (LeaderWise)
- 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25/23 10:00 – 11:30 am by Zoom: **The Leader’s Table** Cohort meetings
- **Anti Racism Training** Pending for Fall 2023

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*In our Synod, we’ll try anything to equip and support leaders for God’s emerging, creative future.*

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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 \$48,000 in grants to eighteen congregations and ministries in seven presbyteries. These awards range from \$1,000 to \$5000.

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 thirty-two grant applications, eighteen were awarded.

Here are the grant awardees for the 2022:

### **Cincinnati Presbytery**

*Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church*

\$2,500 for the Elementary School Weekend Meal Program

*Immanuel Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 for Buddy Bags

*Joint Northern and Crescent Springs Presbyterian Churches*

\$1,000 for the Joint Youth Group Program

*Pleasant Run Presbyterian Church*

\$1,000 for the Non-Food Pantry

### **Detroit Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church of Pontiac*

\$5,000 for the Emergency Food Pantry



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## **Lake Michigan Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac*

\$1,700 for Fleet Feet for Lincoln

*First Presbyterian Church of Lansing*

\$1,000 for the Justice League of Greater Lansing Michigan

## **Maumee Valley Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church of Defiance*

\$5,000 for Tools for School

*First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin*

\$1,000 for the Non-Food Pantry

*Hanmi Presbyterian Church*

\$2,500 for Meals for College Students

## **Miami Valley Presbytery**

*First Presbyterian Church Fairborn*

\$2,000 for the Church Outside Project

*Trinity Presbyterian Church*

\$4,800 for the Saturday Breakfast

## **Scioto Valley Presbytery**

*Various Congregations in Scioto Valley*

\$2,000 for Capital City Helping Hands

*First Presbyterian Church of Logan*

\$3,000 for the Vegetable Garden



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## **Scioto Valley Presbytery** (continued)

*First Presbyterian Church of Waverly*

\$2,500 for the Drivers Education Project

## **Presbytery of the Western Reserve**

*North Presbyterian Church*

\$4,000 New Administrative Staff

*St. Marks Presbyterian Church*

\$2,000 Technology

## **Various Presbyteries**

*Synod of the Covenant Korean Presbyterian Churches*

\$5,000 Pastor's Retreat

These grants, as well as the Higher Education Scholarships previously announced, are funded in part by per capita payments from the almost 700 Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations and more than 100,000 members, mostly in the states of Ohio and Michigan, throughout the Synod of the Covenant.

The Grants Committee includes Lisa Allgood (Cincinnati Presbytery), Betty Angelini (Eastminster Presbytery), Amy Duiker (Miami Valley Presbytery), Jackie Humphries (Detroit Presbytery), Skip Jackson (Scioto Valley Presbytery), Matt Meinke (Maumee Valley Presbytery), and Georgia McCall (Lake Huron Presbytery). In this Thanksgiving season, 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).*