

Policy: Mission Subcommittee Responsibilities

1. The purpose of the Mission Subcommittee is to facilitate the Council in its responsibilities to encourage, coordinate, resource and fund emerging mission common to the presbytery, including the development of new and existing congregations in response to the needs or ministry interests expressed by its members, commissioners and churches within the principles established in Scripture, the Constitution, and the Standing Rules.
2. The membership of the Mission Subcommittee is determined and appointed by Council. Its membership shall include persons familiar with social concerns, church development, and mission throughout the presbytery, synod and General Assembly.
3. The Mission Subcommittee may organize itself into task forces to enable it to do its work efficiently and effectively.
4. Responsibilities
 - a. The coordination and evaluation processes for resourcing missions shall include the following criteria:
 - i. Consistency with Scripture; the *Book of Confessions*, the *Book of Order*, the vision and mission statements of the presbytery.
 - ii. Eligible missions are those submitted by
 1. Churches throughout the presbytery;
 2. Covenant partners of presbytery;
 3. Mission teams consisting of at least 5 members who are from at least 2 different congregations and/or minister members of presbytery who have a common passion and covenant agreement to work for a particular mission effort.
 4. Other PC(USA) governing bodies;
 5. Mission projects from any of these entities which address social, justice and/or peacemaking concerns.
 - iii. The Mission Subcommittee will coordinate mission projects to ensure that no two mission teams are engaged in the same mission or in missions so similar that the mission teams are engaged in overlapping mission efforts.
 - iv. Connect and network congregations in common mission and ministry. Challenge congregations through interpretation and partnership to deeper commitments in mission work, including the existing and emerging mission projects of the presbytery. Promote the mission of the local churches as well as our common mission.
 - v. Work with the networking sub-committee of council to integrate on-going and emerging missions with various NPSP networking and communication formats to facilitate effective mission interpretation.
 - vi. Prepare the content for the Mission Yearbook of Prayer and the Children's Yearbook of Prayer annually.
 - b. The Mission Subcommittee will authorize grants to emerging mission projects through an application process. They report to the Council annually their distribution of emerging

mission grants. Council will report this report annually to the presbytery. Criteria for providing emerging mission projects grants include the following:

- i. Projects must be consistent with Scripture, the *Book of Confessions*, the *Book of Order*, the Vision and Mission of the presbytery.
 - ii. Projects must be emerging (new) mission.
 - iii. Recognizing that the Presbytery's Emerging Mission Project Grant funding comes from individual congregations' Presbytery Mission Pledges, preference will be given to congregations currently giving 10% of their budget to Presbyterian (USA) mission.
 - iv. Applicants must be willing to continue the project in future years (if it is not a one-time effort) without assistance from Presbytery.
 - v. Normally requests should not exceed \$2,000, but grants may be higher at the Council's discretion.
 - vi. If the EMP is not initiated or is terminated, any unused funds are to be returned to the Presbytery.
 - vii. In order to share the good news of EMP within our Presbytery, grant receivers are expected to report on the use of funds to the Mission Subcommittee annually.
 - viii. Ensuring that no two mission teams are engaged in the same mission or in missions so similar that the mission teams are engaged in overlapping mission efforts.
- c. Development of new and existing congregations
- i. The development of new and existing congregations is an integral part of coordinating the overall mission of presbytery. In consultation with the committee on ministry, the Mission Subcommittee will nurture congregations to vital health through congregational transformation: revitalization, redesign and redevelopment. To this end, congregations discerning their mission are encouraged to contact the Mission Subcommittee.
 - ii. The development of new congregations will adhere to the presbytery's policy on Worshiping Fellowships. The mission team may identify emerging and un-served populations within the presbytery and plan for new fellowships, missions and congregations in development.
 - iii. The development of existing congregations will adhere to the recognized tasks of developing exiting congregations.
 1. Creating spiritual energy
 2. Coming to terms with the past
 3. Building a ministry team
 4. Re-entering the community
 5. Developing a plan for new ministry
 - iv. Facilitate developing existing congregations with resources.
 1. Promote the generation of resource lists of people and written materials to assist congregations who are considering an intentional plan of redevelopment-transformation and for training pastors and officers who are in redevelopment-transformation churches. These resources may be at presbytery, synod, or GA level, or with other denominations.
 2. The Mission Subcommittee may assist congregations in seeking expertise for

- writing grants for financial support during redevelopment.
 - 3. The Mission Subcommittee may assist congregations and individuals in connecting with others also involved the development of existing congregations.
 - 4. The Mission Subcommittee may provide a liaison and/or task force to each developing existing congregation for the purpose of process guidance and encouragement.
 - 5. The Mission Subcommittee will make recommendations to Council regarding the use of the Gardiner Fund and/or presbytery church development funds for developing exiting congregations.
 - 6. The Mission Subcommittee may facilitate congregational leadership development as appropriate.
- d. Financial Responsibilities: The Mission Subcommittee shall
- i. Initiate and administer the congregational mission pledge process to ascertain the mission budget of the presbytery for the following year. Communicate the results of those pledges to the Council or its designated group for inclusion in the unified budget of the presbytery which is presented at the third stated meeting of the presbytery each year.
 - ii. Oversee the extra commitment giving opportunities throughout the presbytery, synod and General Assembly.
 - iii. Facilitate mission stewardship interpretation for the presbytery and its member churches.
 - iv. Annually review the presbytery's CVLI and CCLI licensing agreements and participation in the Synod media center and authorize their payment(s) as appropriate.
 - v. Oversee and authorize the use of presbytery Peacemaking Funds.
 - 1. Criteria for evaluating the use of presbytery Peacemaking Funds.
 - a. No more than 50% of presbytery peacemaking funds shall be used for scholarships to conferences which deal with peacemaking issues.
 - b. At least 50% of presbytery peacemaking funds shall be used to provide grants to mission projects which focus on social, justice and peacemaking issues.
 - 2. Peacemaking Funds are donor restricted funds and cannot be used for any other purpose. Unspent funds are carried over from year to year.
 - 3. All Peacemaking Fund grants shall be reported to the Council annually.
 - vi. Make recommendations regarding any funding or grant applications for feasibility studies, etc. to Council which shall have the authority to approve these applications.
 - vii. Make recommendations to Council for the use of presbytery church development funds. The Council shall make their recommendation to the presbytery for approval.