



Presbytery of Genesee Valley

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**“Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy of your master.”
(Matthew 25:21)**

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The parable of the talents in Matthew 25 calls us to be creative in using the resources we have been given. As a Presbytery we are called to be creative in using our resources—including our financial resources—in serving the body of Christ.

The **Matthew 25** challenge of our denomination refers us to the three parables of that chapter. They might be briefly summarized as the challenge to be wise (the parable of the 10 bridesmaids), to be resourceful (the parable of the talents), and to be responsive to the presence of Christ, especially among the hungry, the isolated, and the dispossessed living in our midst. As the Presbytery builds its annual budget, these three challenges are always at work: the need to be wise in the way we use our mission dollars, the need to be creative and resourceful, and the need to see and respond to the needs of those around us.

Here are three examples of our work, lifted from the presbytery grants distributed in 2022. They illustrate the creativity and resourcefulness of these servants of Christ.

Family First – a comprehensive partnership between Brick Presbyterian Church and Hope Chapel Free Methodist Church to bring together a variety of support and educational services for those raising young children, such as preparing healthy meals on a budget, basic computer and internet skills, keeping children safe, etc.

Connecting People to Christ – a project of the Lyndonville Presbyterian Church, aims to connect with seniors and at-home parishioners who have been cut off from church participation. Provided with Chromebooks and computer instruction, these members will be able to attend worship online and participate in the whole life of the church.

Black/White Churches Addressing Racism – a collaboration between John Knox Presbyterian Church and Greater Rochester Community of Churches is a workshop designed to help participants see how racism is outside God’s understanding of love. Its hope is to create opportunities and desire to work together as allies to reduce the impact of systemic racism and marginalization in the Greater Rochester Area.

Your commitment to Presbytery General Mission makes possible these and other ministry projects as well as the staffing, not totally covered by per capita, that stands behind our mission.

Please complete the attached **‘Mission Funding Partnership’** form and return it to the **Presbytery of Genesee Valley office** at your earliest convenience. Providing an estimate of your anticipated Mission giving is extremely helpful for the Budget Development and Oversight Committee as we manage the resources of the Presbytery and seek to live out the vision and challenge of Matthew 25.

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2023 Mission Funding Partnership
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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ONCE YOUR SESSION HAS
APPROVED ITS MISSION COMMITMENT FOR 2023**

1. Name of your church: _____

2. Our **2023 Presbytery** Mission Commitment is: \$ _____
Enter amounts for **Presbytery Mission Commitment Only**. Do not include Synod, General Assembly Mission or any Per Capita amounts.

How you plan to submit your payments for:

Per Capita	Mission Commitment
<input type="checkbox"/> One payment in January 2023	<input type="checkbox"/> One payment in January 2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

- The name/title of the person completing this form:

- Email address/phone number:

This form has been sent to your Pastor, Clerk of Session, and Treasurer.

Please forward to any others in your church that should receive this information.

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