

## THE ONE HOPEFUL FUND OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CINCINNATI

### What is the One Hopeful Fund?

The Presbytery's "One Hopeful Fund" is part of the Presbytery budget funded by the shared mission giving of its congregations, set aside to support mission and ministry passions of our congregations and individual members who apply for them. In this way, the Presbytery congregations partner and collaborate to support our work that has either been growing for some time, as well as innovative mission work in the areas of evangelism, justice, and poverty. The One Hopeful Fund incubates, supports, and amplifies the reach of the churches of the Presbytery of Cincinnati in meaningful ways.

Importantly, the OHF does NOT support private 501c3 non-profit organizations. Although they do amazing work, and some are housed to one extent or another within our churches, they have other sources of funding that our church ministries do not. We are a Presbyterian mission organization – not a general philanthropic fund.

This is similar to what used to be the Presbytery Shared Mission fund, with two exceptions – there is a formal application process (applications can be found on the Presbytery of Cincinnati website); and the remaining funds do not roll back into the general Presbytery fund at the end of the year. All monies remain in the One Hopeful Fund to continue the mission work of our congregations.

There are two types of applications: for congregations who host an event and for individuals (or groups) attending an event. Both are reviewed by a small team. Applications for funding over \$5000 must be approved by Council.

Currently 1/3 of our congregations donate to the fund. We are hopeful all congregations will join in supporting each other in serving God's Kingdom throughout our presbytery.

### The One Hopeful Fund in 2019

The One Hopeful Fund approved 16 grants in 2019, totaling \$99,388.50. Recipients include:

- **The Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry**, a joint effort of the **Trinity** and **Pleasant Run** Presbyterian Churches: provides essential non-food items to neighbors in need (soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.).
- **The Winton Hills Community Church Summer Program**, helping neighborhood children with basic life skills and providing breakfast and lunch daily, enabling them to know they are loved by God and by the members of the church.
- **CLASP (Children of Ludlow After School Program)**, a joint effort of the **Community of Faith, Lakeside**, and **Crescent Springs** congregations: an after-school program serving families in the low-income area of Ludlow.
- **The West Cincinnati Summer Program**, run by the **West Cincinnati** Presbyterian Church with support from **Covenant-First** Presbyterian Church: exposes the urban youth of the West End to the tremendous possibilities related to better understanding the history of the church, the community in which they live, and themselves, through a daily program of physical, mental, and spiritual development.
- **The Northwest Community Church Summer Camp**: with multiple congregations from the Presbytery participating, this five-day summer camp for middle-schoolers is held at Camp

Kirkwood in Wilmington, Ohio. College and high-school aged counselors from participating churches provide leadership in Bible studies, prayer groups, and activities.

- **PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Mission Trip** to Anasco, Puerto Rico: multiple congregations participated in this trip to assist in recovery from Hurricane Maria.
- **Mary Hayes**, a seminary student at Princeton, for assistance in her educational trip and study in Israel.
- **Third Church VBS**: coordinated by **Fort Thomas First** and with volunteers from **Knox, Westwood First, Richwood** and **Third**, this VBS serves more than 75 youth in teaching them about the love of God through food, fellowship, song, and Bible stories.
- **Rev. Abby King-Kaiser** (Associate Director at the Center for Faith and Justice at Xavier University) to permit her to bring her children as she gave the keynote address and taught at the gathering of the Covenant Fellowship.
- **Cornerstone Ministries**, supported by the combined efforts of a number of our **Northern Kentucky congregations**: cook and serve hot dinners for up to 100 people at Cornerstone Ministries on Madison Avenue in Covington.
- **Rev. Nicholas Yoda** (pastor, Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church) to assist in his travel to a pastor's gathering in Taipei, Taiwan, sponsored by the Japan Mission Network (part of the PC(USA) world mission).
- **Team Works**: an after-school program for at-risk students at **Pleasant Ridge** Presbyterian Church; also supported by the Pleasant Ridge Montessori, Community Happens, and Le Soupe. This program provides students with quality emotional/social learning through enrichment activities, tutoring, life-skills training, and mentoring.
- **Third Presbyterian Church Daily Food**: providing dinner for residents of East Westwood.
- **Little Free Library: Kennedy Heights** Presbyterian Church will purchase and install a Little Free Library, a book-sharing box for all ages in the Kennedy Heights neighborhood.
- And the **2019 Mission Innovation Grant** to **West Cincinnati** Presbyterian Church for "**Best Day of the Month**," a monthly opportunity during the school year to provide Bible study, community service, education, personal growth, leadership development, and fellowship for the youth, ages 6-18, of the church and from the West End community.