

HOW TO DEVELOP A MISSION PARTNERSHIP

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley's "*NEW DESIGN FOR MISSION*" establishes a new format for creating and supporting mission projects in the Presbytery.

- ➔ It encourages the initiative of LOCAL CONGREGATIONS in developing mission projects.
- ➔ It emphasizes cooperation between the Presbytery and local congregations (hence "Partnership")
- ➔ (Partnerships can include clusters of congregations, including ecumenical partners)
- ➔ It establishes **three year decreasing grants** as the norm for funding mission projects.
- ➔ It utilizes local church involvement in the project for accountability.
- ➔ It requires local church commitment of financial and human resources.

Following is a summary of the criteria for evaluating whether to award a grant. Note that numbers 1-3 are weighted more heavily than the others. IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE A MISSION PROJECT THAT QUALIFIES, YOU MAY CONTACT THE PRESBYTERY FOR A COPY OF THE GUIDELINES AND A GRANT APPLICATION. Complete the application and return to the Presbytery office. The Mission Support Unit of Council will review all applications and make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding approval. The Presbytery looks forward to working with you in forming Partnerships to make Mission a vital part of the life of our congregations.

1. The Mission is consistent with one or more of the "Great Ends of the Church".
2. The Mission reflects a theological/biblical understanding of mission & ministry.
3. Presbytery support will enable the Partner congregation(s) to be more engaged in outreach.
4. The congregation(s) has a vision and passion for the future of this Partnership ministry.
5. The Mission fulfills Presbytery's desire to have a Presbyterian presence in this geographic, cultural, or ministry area.
6. The Mission has realistic short and long range objectives.
7. Commitment to this Mission is apparent by the amount of financial and human resources invested in the project by the sponsoring congregation(s).
8. If an agency/program: can an audit be provided?
9. The Mission can demonstrate the potential for long range viability.
10. The Partner congregation(s) have made and fulfilled previous financial commitments to the Presbytery. (Per Capita, Mission giving, loans)
11. The Mission is not funded in any other way by Presbytery.

If your congregation is considering developing a particular mission project, and you need assistance in planning (and potential financial support), please contact the Executive for your Membership Network to work with you in designing, creating, and funding the ministry.