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## Frank L. and Laura L. Smock Foundation

October 23, 2023

Dear Friends,

The Smock Foundation continues to fulfill Laura Smock's vision when she established the foundation in 1954: to assist Indiana senior Presbyterians and their churches in need of help.

To date in 2023, the Smock Foundation has awarded grants to 13 Indiana Presbyterian churches for Smock Deacon Funds. These funds allow churches to assist individual members-in-need within their own congregations. These funds may be renewed any time throughout the year, as they have been depleted. A simple list of how the funds were used is all that must accompany new Deacon Fund grant applications. Examples of how churches have helped their members during the past year include, but are not limited to: providing food to members, providing financial assistance to members, assisting with utilities and rent, purchase of mattress, purchase of water heater, paying bills for car and furnace repair, financial assistance with an employee emergency, purchase of hearing aids and many more. Deacon Fund requests may be up to \$10,000.

So far this year, the Smock Foundation has assisted eleven Indiana Presbyterian churches with necessary facility improvements to assure safety and convenience for senior members to attend. These improvements have often been made to meet ADA requirements or to improve basic services like lighting and sound improvements, as well as elevator repair and general facility improvements to make worship and fellowship possible for all. Ordinarily, the Smock Foundation considers requests up to \$25,000 for facility improvements. Larger grants can be considered for extenuating circumstances. We ask churches to encourage member contributions to the projects.

Nine programs serving multiple churches have been funded this year through the presbyteries, individual churches, multiple churches providing joint adult ministry, a Bible study program, purchase of large-print Bibles and spiritual resources for a retirement community.

Perhaps the most significant increase in assistance was given to individual members, Laura Smock's original hope for her generous gift. Over the past year, the Smock Foundation has increased assistance monthly or as a one-time gift by \$12,989 for a total, to-date, of \$163,971 to Indiana Presbyterians in need.

As the year draws toward the end, we encourage Indiana Presbyterian churches to consider applying for a Smock Foundation grant, as defined by the requirements stated on our webpage, and to encourage their members-in-need to apply, also following the requirements on the application page. The Foundation streamlined the application process making it easy for any church or individual to apply. The Distribution Advisory Committee (DAC) meets monthly, usually the third Monday of the month, to review applications. The last meeting of this year will be December 4, 2023.

The Smock Foundation has partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne to host our online application. While they provide our application, ***the Smock Foundation Distribution Advisory Committee (DAC) makes all decisions about receiving and approving grants.***



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Please use the link below to access our webpage with grant requirements and online application form.

<https://cfgfw.org/smock-foundation/>

The Smock Foundation looks forward to receiving your church or member grant applications. If you have any questions, please email Susanne Rowe, Smock Foundation Administrator, at [moorman.rowe@gmail.com](mailto:moorman.rowe@gmail.com).

Peace,

*Steven Weissner*

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