

**ITEM C.200
FOR INFORMATION**

RACIAL ETHNIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES UPDATE

The racial ethnic schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have provided quality education to students, who, in turn, have contributed significantly to the church at large, and to the world. Students are educated for the professions of their choice in an environment which supports and nurtures racial and ethnic heritage. Many of these college students may be marginalized, are the first in their family to attend college, and come from low-to-moderate income families. The secondary schools receive students earlier than typical schools and prepare them for acceptance at institutions of higher learning. Tutoring and special courses in math, science, and English encourage continued success as the students advance in their studies.

These Historically Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Institutions (HPREIs) have a relationship agreement with the General Assembly through the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and the relationship is guided by the Articles of Agreement (8.3 and 8.4) of the PC(USA), which were adopted at the time of reunion in 1983.

<u>School</u>	<u>Christmas Joy Offering 2015 Grant Amount</u>
Cook Native American Ministries, Tempe, AZ	\$137,154
*Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC	\$ - 0 -
Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM	\$326,143
Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, TX	\$339,404
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL	\$265,335
<i>*JCSU has chosen not to be a recipient of the Christmas Joy Offering</i>	

Unaccredited Schools:

Knoxville College, Knoxville, TN	\$ - 0 -
Barber-Scotia College, Concord, NC	\$ - 0 -

Cook Native American Ministries, Tempe, AZ: Cook Native American Ministries sold its property on July 23, 2014. Proceeds from the sale were transferred to an endowment fund, managed by the Presbyterian Foundation. On January 9, 2015, the board of trustees of Cook Native American Ministries approved and adopted an amended bylaw renaming the organization the Charles H. Cook Foundation. The foundation will provide grants to Native American educational and community ministries. Cook continues to offer the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program. While the organization continues to facilitate this program, it is in the process of developing a memorandum of understanding for the transition of the program to the presbyteries of De Cristo and Grand Canyon. Isaac Curley was recently named as the Executive Director of the Charles H. Cook Foundation (formerly Cook Native American Ministries). Cook was founded in 1911, by Rev. Charles H. Cook to educate and empower Native Americans to be church leaders.

Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC: Johnson C. Smith University decided early on that it did not wish to be a recipient of the Christmas Joy Offering of the PC(USA). JCSU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), and Council on Social Work Accreditation (CSWE). It is ranked in the 2015 edition of U.S. News as one of the Best

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Liberal Arts Colleges. The school awards Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Social Work degrees to its graduates. The school also presents many internship opportunities for its students. JCSU was established on April 7, 1867, as the Biddle Memorial Institute at a meeting of the Catawba Presbytery in the old Charlotte Presbyterian Church. Two ministers, Samuel C. Alexander and Willis L. Miller, saw the need for a school in the south and after the birth of the school they were elected as some of the first teachers.

Menaul School, Albuquerque, NM: The student body of Menaul School is currently Hispanic/Latino-a, Native American, European-American and African American. It serves students from diverse cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. Menaul has expanded its programs by increasing its international boarding program. The school has also begun two dual diploma programs in China, and it has engaged in two fundraising initiatives, Menaul School American Indian Fund and a project to remodel the science lab. The school is in a covenant relationship with the Presbytery of Santa Fe. Founded in 1881 by Presbyterian mission co-workers as a school for Native Americans, more than 90% of Menaul graduates have gone on to higher education.

Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, TX: Pan Am is an accredited secondary boarding school serving primarily Hispanic/Latino-a students who live south of the U.S. border. Nearly 100% of all graduates are accepted into a college or university either in their native country or the United States. It ended its fiscal year in the black and is at capacity in student enrollment. In May 2014, Pan Am graduated its largest class in the history of the school. And, the school completed its re-accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Founded in 1912 by the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS) under the name Texas-Mexican Institute and amended in 1956 to Presbyterian Pan American School, the school prepares young people to be leaders in their native countries and in a society that is increasingly becoming intercultural and multilingual.

Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL: In 2014, Stillman College named Dr. Peter Millet as its 6th President. The college has an enrollment of approximately 890 students. Hoping to assist in boosting enrollment, tuition was recently reduced. In 2015, Stillman College is scheduled to provide the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) its five-year interim report, in preparation for SACS Commission on Colleges, which is scheduled for 2020. Founded in 1876 by a group of Presbyterians led by Rev. Charles Allen Stillman, who submitted an overture to the G.A. of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS), the school was established as a training school for African American ministers. It has evolved into a co-educational college that serves primarily African American students. Historically, the church had an annual offering entitled Stillman College Sunday and all proceeds were used to support the college.

Unaccredited Schools:

Knoxville College, Knoxville, TN: Knoxville College is not a recipient of the Christmas Joy Offering. It lost its accreditation in 1997. The institution is seeking to regain accreditation with the Accrediting Council of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Founded in 1875 by the Board of Mission to the Freedmen of the United Presbyterian Church in North American, its purpose was to educate African American students.

Barber-Scotia College, Concord, NC: Barber-Scotia College lost its accreditation in 2004. Its financial debt was a major obstacle for regaining accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The college has sought to regain accreditation through the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS). Founded in 1867 as Scotia Seminary for Negro women by

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Rev. Luke Dorland, it merged in 1930 with Barber Memorial College of Anniston, AL, and was renamed Barber-Scotia College in 1932. Its mission is to educate primarily African American students.