

PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY BOARD
September 23-25, 2015
Restricted Funds Oversight Subcommittee

ITEM H.105
FOR ACTION

<i>FOR PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE USE ONLY</i>			
A. Finance		E. Corporate Property, Legal, Finance	J. Board Nominating & Governance Subcommittee
B. Justice		F. PC(USA), A Corporation	P. Plenary
C. Leadership		G. Audit	
D. Worshiping Communities	X	H. Executive Committee	

Subject: 2015 General Assembly Mission Restricted Funds Grants

Recommendation:

That the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (“PMAB”) Executive Committee forward the attached list of General Assembly Mission restricted funds grants to the PMAB with a recommendation for approval.

Background:

The 209th General Assembly (1997) approved a process whereby all councils could apply directly for the use of certain restricted General Assembly funds. The report further provided that funds “identified as consistent with the ongoing mission of a General Assembly entity [assigned funds] . . . are generally not on the table for partnership consideration.” Those remaining funds that are unassigned are made available using an extensive process that is mailed to all councils and is posted on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website each year by March 1.

The Restricted Funds Oversight Subcommittee (“RFOS”) is charged with providing oversight and guidance of the application process, reviewing applications for unassigned restricted funds, and making funding recommendations to the PMAB through the Executive Committee.

This year moneys were available from five (5) unassigned restricted funds with a total amount of \$268,482 available for the application process. Most of the available funds are in a single fund (\$237,401) that is restricted to training of ministers for preaching and teaching the Bible in the Western U.S. The amounts available from the remaining funds ranged from \$3,586 to \$18,556.

Mid councils, with five (5) synods not submitting any proposals for potential grants in the synod, recommended 17 applications for these restricted funds to the RFOS. The RFOS carefully reviewed each application and found that, while most of the proposals qualified for consideration, some applications could not be considered because the proposed program description did not fit the donor’s restriction(s) and/or meet the requirements of the grant application process.

Of the 17 applications, seven (7) proposals (see attached list) were selected for funding, totaling \$247,840, which the RFOS recommends to the Executive Committee and the PMAB for approval.

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Grant Recommendations

Synod	Presbytery	Applicant	Fund Number	Fund Restriction	Amount Granted
Rocky Mountains	Western Colorado	First Presbyterian Church; Durango, CO	54120	For medical work and health care among Navajos	2,045
Southwest	Santa Fe	White Rock Presbyterian Church; Los Alamos, NM	54120	For medical work and health care among Navajos	2,045
Lakes and Prairies	Northern Plains	Northern Plains Presbytery on behalf of Bdecan Ministry Team; Grand Forks, ND	54201	For education of Native Americans; historical use benefitted tribes in North Fork, California	1,500
Puerto Rico	-	Synod of Puerto Rico; Mayaguez, PR	59239	Mission program with preference given to advocacy for environment and evangelism	4,850
Alaska-Northwest	-	Presbytery of Inland Northwest; Spokane, WA	70047	Train ministers for preaching and teaching the Bible, Western U.S. area	153,551
Southern California and Hawaii	-	Los Ranchos Presbytery; Anaheim, CA	70047	Train ministers for preaching and teaching the Bible, Western U.S. area	23,850
Southwest	-	Presbytery de Cristo; Phoenix, AZ	70047	Train ministers for preaching and teaching the Bible, Western U.S. area	60,000
Total Amount Granted					\$ 247,840