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Dear Wabash Valley Member,

The Smock Foundation is a trust established by Frank and Laura Smock, originally in 1953, and amended in 1994, to provide *“such benevolent, charitable, religious, educational or any allied public purposes as in the judgement of the Trustee will promote the health, welfare and happiness of ailing or needy or crippled or blind or elderly and aged men and women of the Presbyterian faith throughout the State of Indiana.”* For nearly 70 years, the Smock Foundation has been a blessing to Presbyterian seniors and to Presbyterian Churches in Indiana.

The Foundation is directed by the Smock Trust Distribution Advisory Committee (STDAC). This committee consists of seven members: two representatives from each of the Indiana Presbyteries and one representative from First Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne (FPC) who serves as Chairperson of the STDAC and who is appointed by the FPC Session. This committee receives and reviews each grant request.

I am one of our representatives, along with Ruling Elder Sam Washburn from Bethany, Lafayette, on the STDAC, representing the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. On June 17, 2021, the FPC Session appointed Susanne Rowe as the new Chairperson for the Smock Trust Distribution Advisory Committee.

While the STDAC is in transition to this new leadership, please send all grant requests to The Reverend Jennifer Burns Lewis · email to [jennifer@ourpresbytery.org](mailto:jennifer@ourpresbytery.org) or mail to: Presbytery of Wabash Valley · PO Box 225 · Rochester, IN 46975 and they will be forwarded to Susanne. Please do not send grant requests to any former address you have as they will not be received and reviewed.

Information regarding grant parameters and procedures is listed on the following page. On behalf of the Smock Foundation, the Distribution Advisory Committee welcomes your grant requests.

All the Best,

*Jennifer*

Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis  
Visioning and Connecting Leader  
Presbytery of Wabash Valley  
Synod of Lincoln Trails PC(USA)

My work is supported by per capita funds, which unite all Presbyterians in sharing God’s love through mission and ministry.

## **Grant Requests**

**PCUSA CHURCH SMOCK DEACON FUNDS** These grants are established for PCUSA churches in the state of Indiana to assist their Presbyterian church members who require emergency assistance in areas such as medical, utilities, rent, etc. Pastor, moderator, session and board of deacons work together to implement and administer this fund.

### **PCUSA CHURCH FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

These grants are specific to PCUSA churches in the state of Indiana seeking to improve their facilities in relation to the mobility, hearing, visual and health needs of senior adult Presbyterian members.

### **PCUSA CHURCH MEMBERS**

These grants are specific to PCUSA long-standing, senior church members in the state of Indiana who need financial assistance to live in Medicaid approved long-term assisted living and nursing home care facilities. In order to qualify, applicants must meet strict financial guidelines and income and financial resources are closely analyzed. This type of grant is designed as a stop-gap measure until Medicaid funding or other sources can be secured.

### **PCUSA SENIOR ADULT CLUSTER MINISTRY**

These grants are for PCUSA churches to work together with three to five PCUSA churches in developing and implementing a shared senior ministry program. (PCUSA churches in geographical close proximity to each other.)

## **Grant Process**

### **FOR ESTABLISHING AND RENEWING FUNDING FOR PCUSA CHURCH SMOCK DEACON FUNDS**

Following session approval, pastor, moderator and board of deacons (where applicable) of the local church, requests initiate or seek replenishment, on church letterhead, indicating the church's statistical breakdown, including membership demographic and budget numbers. The pastor/moderator of session must sign the request for Smock Deacon funding. All subsequent replenishment requests must include a disbursement report form.

### **FOR REQUESTING INDIANA PCUSA CHURCH FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

Pastor/moderator and clerk of session receive two to three bids from contractors for the scope of the mobility, visual or health improvement project needed to aid Presbyterian church members' participation and overall life of the congregation. Multiple bids do not need to be submitted with the grant request. However, copies of the final, accepted quote, as well as a brief description of the bidding process and final decision on the awarded contractor, is required.

### **FOR INDIVIDUAL INDIANA PRESBYTERIANS WHO NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LIVE IN MEDICAID-APPROVED FACILITIES**

This requires a separate three-page application that provides proof of financial aid, signed by the pastor/moderator and family member responsible for the Indiana PCUSA church member requesting the service. This form will be provided by the STDAC.

### **FOR PCUSA SENIOR ADULT CLUSTER MINISTRY REQUESTS**

Three to five Indiana PCUSA churches agree to develop and implement a program that ministers for, with and to senior Presbyterian members. Each partnering PCUSA church must submit a written request, on church letterhead, indicating commitment to and purpose of the grant request. The request must be signed by the pastor/moderator and clerk of session of each church represented in the collaborative ministry. The request should also include the specific vision, mission and programming goals as well as an operating budget.