



Frank L. and Laura L. Smock Foundation

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Dear Friends,

During the past year, the Smock Foundation has made changes that we believe will make the grant application process easier and will allow us to reach more people about available funds.

The Foundation has partnered with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne to host an online application on their site. Going forward, applicants can just click on the link you will find on the next page and be taken to the application site. The online process allows the Foundation to receive and process grants more efficiently and with consistent information.

Realizing that not all applicants will be familiar with online activity, we encourage pastors, staff and lay volunteers to assist when needed.

I encourage you to use the link and try out the application. Simple instructions for accessing the online site are below. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at the address below. Or contact your Presbytery office.

Peace to you today and always,

*Susanne M. Rowe*

Smock Foundation Administrator

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The Frank L. and Laura L. Smock Foundation was established in 1955. Laura and Frank Smock had lived a “comfortable life” in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and were dedicated to their Presbyterian faith. When Frank died in 1937, he left Laura his modest estate.

In 1953, when Laura Smock was in her late 80’s, her inheritance increased significantly. She was beyond the age that she could benefit from her new wealth and so she graciously and generously decided that others should be helped by her good fortune. Thus, the Smock Foundation was established upon her death.

Laura Smock’s wish was to “help aged Presbyterians in the state of Indiana for such benevolent, charitable, religious, educational or any allied public purposes... that will promote the health, welfare and happiness of ailing or needy or crippled or blind.” Although primarily concerned for the comfort of people of the Presbyterian faith in their declining years, she generously recognized the needs created by life’s misfortunes among others as well.

Since 1955, the Frank L. and Laura L. Smock Foundation has helped countless needy Indiana Presbyterians. The foundation has grown in worth as well as in the scope of how its funds can help others.



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### Smock Foundation Application Instructions

To access the online application, click on <https://cfgfw.org/grants/grantseekers/#1644415946121-f98388c1-536d>

This is the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne website, Grantseekers page. Scroll down to the middle of the page where various foundations are listed on green tabs. Select the Smock Foundation tab and click on it. This will open the page explaining the Foundation and the guidelines for grant applications.

At the bottom of the page you will find an “Apply Now” button. Click on it to open the application.

