

Ministry Initiatives Program

Of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

What is it?

The Ministry Initiatives Program is a project of the Presbytery to help churches and commissions of our Presbytery develop and finance imaginative ministry ideas including new church development and community building initiatives.

What sort of ideas?

Big Ideas! Ideas that will make an impact for our churches, our Presbytery and our communities.

What about finances?

Big ideas often require significant resources. The Presbytery's Church Development Fund can provide a significant amount of money for projects and funding may continue for up to five years. The amount and the length of funding will depend upon the project and its financial plan.

Who decides what projects get funded?

The Presbytery has established the Ministry Initiatives Board, consisting of a representative from each of the Presbytery's Commissions and the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery. This board will review the proposed ideas, work with the church or the commission to develop the projects and allocate funds appropriately.

How does it work?

A church, a group of churches, or a commission with a "Big Idea" is invited to present that idea to through a two-stage application process. The first stage of the application process is a narrative of the idea, a story of what the idea is and what its impact will be, along with a rough estimate of the cost and the timeline for the project. The MIB will then work with those making the application to further develop the idea, identify resources that might be available, and recognize who else might be doing similar projects. The church, churches, or commission will then submit a second application which will detail the specific goals of the project, the costs of the project, the timeline of the project, and the markers of completion and success of the project. This application will then be reviewed by the MIB, who will decide on the funding for the project.

I'm interested, what do I do now?

If you have a "Big Idea" that you'd like to see developed, write it out and share it with one of the members of the Ministry Initiatives Board. We will help you develop this idea into a project. Contact Mark Gauen at 614-882-3155 for more information.

**Ministry Initiatives Board
Narrative Preliminary Application
2019**

Program Name: _____

Sponsoring Congregation(s): _____

Program Leadership(s): _____

Briefly describe your program's overall mission, and purpose:

Total Amount Requested: _____
(Please attach descriptive program annual budget. Up to three years.)

How would you use these specific funds?

(For Presbytery Use Only)

Sponsoring Presbytery Commission:

_____ **Nurture & Outreach**

_____ **Church Professionals**

_____ **Congregational Life**

_____ **Presbytery Operations**

Supported by the Commission on _____.

Commission Chair: _____.

Scholarships Available for the NEXT Church National Conference, March 2-4, 2020.

NEXT Church is a network of leaders — church members, ruling elders, youth leaders, educators, pastors, seminarians and professors — across the Presbyterian Church (USA) who believe the church of the future will be more relational, more diverse, more collaborative, more hopeful and more agile.

NEXT Church holds a national conference each year and in 2020 the National Conference will be in Cincinnati on March 2-4. It will be three days of workshops, plenary sessions, worship and activities that will inform and inspire.

The Ministry Initiatives Board wants to help congregations adapt to and grow and programs like NEXT Church are one of the resources that the Board wants to encourage churches to use. The MIB is offering \$400 scholarships for those who want to attend this conference. \$400 will pay about half of the cost of this conference. All we ask is that you share your experience with your church and the Ministry Initiative Board. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Mark Gauen at 614-882-3155.

You can find out more about NEXT Church at nextchurch.net.