

Presbytery of Shenandoah Hiett Global Mission Fund Grant Criteria

Bernice Hiett (March 19, 1919 – May 24, 2011) grew up in the Hedgesville Presbyterian Church and aspired to serve in the mission field. However, her family was without the means to send her to college and instead Bernice put herself through business school and worked in several government agencies in the Washington, DC area. Throughout her career, she maintained her relationship with the Hedgesville church, returning there on weekends and serving as the Clerk of Session and also the Tomahawk Presbyterian Church organist.

While Bernice wasn't able to follow through with her aspiration for mission service, she never abandoned her passion for it. Bernice's resourcefulness and love for the church yielded bequests for the work and ministry of small churches and also for congregational international ministry efforts in general. This led to the establishment of the Hiett Global Mission Fund grant program of Shenandoah Presbytery.

The Shenandoah Presbytery Hiett Global Mission Fund is administered through the Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) and supports the international mission efforts of congregations/related organizations within Shenandoah Presbytery. Please consider the following criteria when filling out the grant application:

1. Grants will be awarded for both new and existing international mission efforts that demonstrate a commitment to seeking fresh and vibrant ways of serving Jesus Christ in the world. *For example, an early use of this fund was toward the establishment of a teaching relationship with the Illubabor Bethel Synod through our Ethiopian Partnership.* Grants might also be used to support the exploration and establishment of a new mission effort for a particular congregation or group of congregations.
2. Grant requests will be received on a rolling basis and acted upon at the next meeting of CMO.
3. There is no limit to the amount that may be requested, however grants will be awarded based on the number of grant requests received and available resources.
4. Grant funds may not be immediately available due to a quarterly distribution schedule. Grant requests must be submitted no later than three (3) months prior to anticipated use.
5. Grant applications are to be reviewed and approved by the session of a sponsoring congregation and attested to by the clerk of that session.
6. Ordinarily, grants should be used within one year of receipt.
7. CMO values good stewardship of presbytery resources and the opportunity to join in the celebration of mission efforts. Therefore, recipients are required to provide the committee a written summary of the project within one year of receiving funds.

Send all applications in care of:
Chair of the Committee on Mission and Outreach
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