

Mission News



Presbytery of Carlisle

Where Does the Money Go? Presbytery Grants for Ministry

Your Mission Advocacy Committee has been at work in the Presbytery awarding ministry grant money to fund requests from our member churches.

Grants from the **Ministry and Mission Support Fund** were awarded to:

Second Church (Carlisle)

- \$1,920 to help fund Krislund Traveling Day Camp;

First United Church (Newville)

- \$2,700 to support church members on a mission trip to Honduras;

Greencastle Church

- \$1,600 to help fund Krislund Traveling Day Camp; and

Central Church (Chambersburg)

- \$10,000 to benefit their congregation's Diaper Depot ministry.

Funds went to Honduras for this year's salary support for mission co-worker Rev. Dori Hjaimarson (\$25,000). Additionally, a total of \$10,000 was used in home construction, and expenses related to sending mission teams to Honduras.

The Peace Advocates put their portion of the **Peace and Justice Offering** grants to the following organizations and events:

- **Harrisburg High School Scholarship** (\$500)
- **Commonwealth Interfaith Service of Prayers for Justice and Peace** (\$150) for food served at the Commonwealth Interfaith Service of Prayers for Justice and Peace;
- **Christian Churches United** (\$300) for the area of greatest need;

- **Carlisle Cares** (\$300) to help purchase a much needed van;
- **Christian Methodist Home for Children** (\$300) to house and educate children in court cases in Cumberland County;
- **Churches United for Project A.S.K.** (\$300) a model project that supports students in need in the West Shore School District;
- **Downtown Daily Bread** (\$250),
- **PHEWA membership** (\$250) for the Presbytery; and
- **Joshua Group** (\$250).

This year's **Peacemaking Award** recipient, **Sonshine Ministries**, Loysville (\$500), is a recovery ministry in Perry County that focuses on social and spiritual rehabilitation.

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2018 Christmas Joy Offering

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

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DR000148

Save these 2019 Dates

Honduras Housing Trip – February 11-18, 2019 contact: Rev. Kim Wadlington. Another trip is planned for July 19th through August 5th.

Big Tent Event – August 1-2, 2019 Baltimore, MD
An opportunity to attend a nationwide event from PCUSA right in our own backyard.

Lend-A-Hand Trip - January 20-26, 2019 to North Carolina, possibly Tarboro again. Check the website for information or to sign up.

2018 Peacemaking Award – Sonshine Ministries

This year's **Peacemaking Award** (\$500) is presented to Sonshine Ministries, a comprehensive Christian discipleship, renewal, and development ministry for motivated men, whose lives have been destroyed by addiction, sin, bad choices, and other life controlling issues. Located on a 9 acre Perry County farm about 25 miles west of Harrisburg, the facility can handle care for about 12 residents.

The education, philosophies, and materials in their program are derived from biblical principles. Christian ethics are practiced, and Christian solutions are offered to help in confronting life's challenges. All of the guidelines and rules of Sonshine Ministries are directed toward encouraging men to walk in the Christian faith. The anticipated outcome is that Christian men, who are renewed in mind, body, and soul, will be empowered to return to society as productive citizens, devoted husbands, family men, and committed friends and neighbors.

The ministry consists of three phases. Each phase consists of a minimum of 4-6 months for completion. The men can complete each phase of the ministry in four months, depending on their success, determination and growth. Staff monitor each phase. The staff decides if and when a person is prepared to move to different phases. This process can be terminated at any time, if a man desires to do so.

Each man comes to Sonshine Ministries with different behavioral issues, addictions, family problems, backgrounds and more. How does one program meet each man "where he lives", and make a difference? Sonshine Ministries has four focus areas: biblical studies, counseling, work and church services.

Through **daily Bible classes**, residents are taught to apply scriptural principles to overcome some of the issues with which they have struggled in the past and, that will challenge them in the future. Focus areas include, but are not limited to: dealing with temptation, anger, failure, personal relationships, finances, goal setting, and other life skills. The curriculum is the Bible and other Biblically based material.

Counseling helps men to appropriately discuss and express issues, situations and concerns. Biblical truth provides answers to many everyday problems, and to identify past inappropriate behaviors that were detrimental and dangerous. Should

further professional help be needed, a resident will be referred to an appropriate facility.

On a farm there is always **work** that needs to be done, so this emphasis keeps residents busy while teaching them good work ethics and skills, as well as, a love and respect for one's home and property. Also, work teaches time management and an appreciation of one's free time. Residents welcome a good night of sleep!

Throughout the week, the men are required to attend **Church Services**. In this setting they have an opportunity to celebrate and praise God; hear inspired preaching and biblical truth; worship and fellowship with others; and share their joys, concerns, and prayers.

Sonshine Ministries is a Christian recovery ministry focused on social and spiritual rehabilitation, that endeavors to provide the men, who seek their help, to learn to thrive in a spiritual, social, economic, psychological and philosophical environment.



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