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Hello Dear Churches of Palo Duro Presbytery,

Each year, Palo Duro Presbytery sets aside some funds for support of shared missions with the churches of the presbytery. In a tough year we have a total of \$15,000.00 to distribute for mission projects, those in which you are involved directly or indirectly.

Attached is an application which will need to be filled out by your congregation if the funds will stay within your church. You may also send the application to organizations in support of your churches mission goals for which you want to have presbytery funding in 2020. An endorsement letter from the session should accompany the application when it is sent to the presbytery office. Your session should also participate financially in supporting the organization for which you seek funding.

Remember, it is up to your session to distribute applications to any ministries you want to endorse. Funds, if approved, will be sent to your church for you to forward to the organization by the end of the year.

Please note that the deadline for receipt of applications is December 1, 2020. Late applications cannot be accepted. We aim to distribute the grants by end of year.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me or Rev. Scott Campbell, Executive Presbyter of Palo Duro Presbytery.

Peace and Joy,

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Presbytery's Common Life Ministry

Palo Duro Presbytery

2020 Ministry Support Grant

The Common Life Ministry of Palo Duro Presbytery is constantly reviewing guidelines for the administration of Ministry Support Grants. Currently these guidelines are as follows.

1. Grants are available only to churches that have pastoral leadership in place (installed, or temporary under contract) and are paid to the churches quarterly.
2. Commitments for these grants are made on an annual basis (with application in November for the year following). Decisions for the year 2021 will be made during the last quarter of 2020.
3. Each church seeking a Ministry Support Grant will complete the "Church Profile Form", and unless excused by the committee, shall send its pastor and at least one representative from its Session to meet with the committee, either by ZOOM or in person, when the committee determines grants.
4. All churches have the Christian responsibility of exercising good stewardship, which means making its members aware of the financial needs of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and providing a means for its members to respond financially to these needs. Therefore, it is required that every church receiving a Ministry Support Grant prepare an annual budget based on needs rather than on the anticipated grant and that the information will be shared with the congregation.
5. Each church that receives a Ministry Support Grant is encouraged to seek long-term solutions and budgeting programs independent from the Ministry Support Grant and to share its long-range financial needs and program goals with the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry.
6. The grant application is to be approved by the Session of the congregation before its submission to the committee.
7. Applications should be typed, if possible. A Fillable PDF application is on the presbytery's website (www.paloduropresbytery) linked to the "Publications" page.
8. Congregations requesting a Ministry Support grant must complete the enclosed congregational self-study prior to submitting the grant request. This should be done with session and/or congregational involvement.

The attached Church Profile Form must be completed in its entirety and returned to Palo Duro Presbytery, P.O. Box 16267, Lubbock, TX 79490 by December 1, 2020. No action will be taken on incomplete applications. The grants for 2021 will be awarded at the Presbytery's Common Life Ministry meeting on date yet to be announced. Representatives from the church will need to be present, whether in person or by ZOOM, at a meeting where an application is being processed. Please use as many attached sheets as is necessary to provide the requested information.

PRESBYTERY'S COMMON LIFE MINISTRY

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Church Profile Form

Ministry Support Grant for Ministry in the year 2021

Name of Church _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Street Address _____

I. Congregational Ministry Information

Historic Presence: Describe in general terms, the role(s) your congregation has played in the life of your community. (Give a general demographic description of your community, including population of the area served by your church, whether this population is declining, increasing or stable and your opinion as to the cause(s) for this.)

What role(s) does your congregation continue to play? (Describe your services of corporate worship and other activities and organizations as to frequency and attendance. Describe your congregation's outreach and evangelism ministries. List community groups that the church works with and supports. Describe what your church does or provides that is unusual or distinctive in your community.)

Development Undertaken or Considered: Describe, in general terms, the nature of the ministry you can envision as a feasible option for your congregation to undertake.

Does your congregation partner with any other church or organization in your community in order to do your ministry?

What specific steps are planned or are under way to implement your ministry, or form of congregational development?

Describe your church's leadership structure including committees and designated individuals.

_____ Number of Elders _____ Number of deacons _____ % of officers who pledge

Your pastor's name _____ Year Called _____

The total cost to your church for having pastoral leadership _____

If your church shares pastoral leadership with another church, please complete:

Name of Church: _____

Date this shared ministry began: _____

Amount the other church contributes to the support: _____

Does the salary of the person in pastoral leadership meet the minimum requirements for 2021?

Are your pastor(s), elders, and members regularly in attendance at Presbytery meetings and at other events, which may avail your congregation of resources and networks for attending to your ministry goals? If so, please list event and approximate date of attendance:

How has information gained from these events been used or implemented?

In what ways would your congregation have to grow in order for you to reach your ministry/developmental goals? What challenges do you face?

II. Supporting Information

Complete the following on all property owned by the church:

Facility	Value	Insured Amount	Mortgage Total	Monthly Payment	Year Mortgage Paid
Sanctuary					
Educational					
Manse					
Other					

Describe rental property owned by the church (if any):

The church uses the rental income for:

Describe any major repairs needed to any property owned by the church? The anticipated cost is:

Describe any anticipated major building program? When will it happen and what is the anticipated cost?

III. Membership and Finance

For the past five years, please give the following information. "Membership" will be the number on your "Active Roll," as reported on the Annual Statistical Reports to the General Assembly.

Year	Membership	Total Contributions	Grants from Presbytery
2020			
2019			
2018			
2017			
2016			

As of January 1, 2020, we had the following numbers on these rolls of the church:

Active Roll _____ Baptized Roll _____ Inactive Roll _____

The number of households represented on the Active Roll is _____

The date our Active Roll was last reviewed by the Session was: _____

The age profile of our Active and Baptized Roll members is:

	0-5		6-11		12-18		19-25
	26-45		46-64		65 +		

Please estimate percentage of members who are:

self-employed employed retired homemakers farmers
 professionals | students | |

Was your budget developed before or after pledges were made? _____

Please give the number of yearly pledges for the 2020 budget which fall in these amounts:

_____ 0-\$100.00 yearly

_____ \$101.00- \$1000.00

_____ \$1001.00- \$5000.00

_____ \$5000.00 or more

What percentage of the pledges for the year 2020 are being paid? _____

How is stewardship developed/presented in your congregation?

Attach a copy of the 2020 income and expense budget, and next year's proposed budget. Also, provide a list of checking/savings accounts and Certificates of Deposit of the church. Please indicate if there are any limitations on their use. You also need to list salaried personnel and the total amount of salaries and benefits for 2020.

For which specific aspect(s) of your ministry plan (i.e. budget) are you seeking Presbytery support?

The amount of Ministry Support Grant being requested for 2021 is

\$ _____ .

Signature of the Clerk of Session

Signature of the Pastor

Date Form Approved by Session