

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic  
Jubilee Fund Committee Reporting Form  
September 10 & October 29, 2018 / February 11 2019**

**Committee Reporting Form**

Committee: **JUBILEE FUND**

Recorder: Sarah McHenry

**GENERAL ITEMS:**

The Jubilee Fund Committee for 2018 consisted of: Grace Bradshaw, Ron Duvall, John Etheredge, Urla Eversley, Willie McCaskill, Veronica Thomas, Richard Haney, Margaret Washnitzer, Julius Jackson (Moderator), Frances Turner, Janice Wells, Sarah McHenry, Karen Thatcher and Harold Bennett. 2019 welcomed several new members who replaced those members whose terms expired at the end of 2018. New members for 2019 are: Rourke Moore and Harold Bennett (Newly Elected Moderator). The committee met via Zoom Conference Platform in September 2018 and February 2019 and met face to face in Richmond in October 2018. A quorum was established at all three meetings and Sarah McHenry served as recorder.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Reports from grant recipients Davie Street Youth Leadership Development and Dulatown Presbyterian were reviewed with left over funds reported from both grants. There was no report from the Black Presbyterians United.
- This committee will have a face-to-face meeting in Richmond, VA at 10AM on October 29, 2018.
- The Moderator gave information on the 2019 grant application time table. Committee to probably use the 2018 application format. Late November 2018 or early December 2018 are possible due dates for applications with final award decision to be made February 2019.
- The cap for grants is \$2500; however this year the amount was increased to \$4,000 due to the low number of applicants. Distribution of funds for 2019.
- Black Caucus to resubmit their application to Jubilee for 2019 grant year.
- Moderator, Julius Jackson will be leaving at the end of the year (2018).
- Jubilee Committee to continue to receive reports from the Poverty Awareness Action /Advocacy Project.
- Committee decided to use same application process used in the past with information posted on the Synod website. Applications available on website by November 2018, February 1, 2019 (deadline) with allocation of funds available in the Spring 2019.
- Discussed possibility of changing Jubilee Guidelines in the future and asked if the guidelines compliment the synod's "The Next Generation Initiative"
  
- Rev. John Etheredge gave a brief report from the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Black Caucus's Initiative summation of the two areas of focus: (1) Exploring ways to fill vacant pulpits in African American

churches and (2) Providing opportunities for young African Americans to become more familiar with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- The Jubilee Fund Application guidelines were expanded at the October 29, 2018 meeting to include entities and groups i.e. Black Caucus Initiative
- The committee voted to grant the Black Caucus \$3,500.00, pending approval from the Synod.
- Discussed making professional grant writing assistance and training available to presbyteries
- Margaret Washington volunteered to find an individual(s) to conduct professional grant writing training for the Presbyteries in the Synod
- The committee tabled discussions on how to support the New Initiative – “The Next Generation” finically because all of the committee members had not read the initiative
- Established a deadline for receipt of new grant applications to committee, September 23, 2019
- The amount of Jubilee funds available from the Synod for distribution from February 2019 through February 2020 is \$16,750.00
- The committee deliberated on three new grant applications
- Adjournment of meeting/prayer 11:18 AM

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The committee voted Rev. Harold Bennett its next Moderator at the 10/29/18 meeting.
- The committee will review and award grants at its next meeting. The Black Caucus application received will be included in this review.
- Synod to notify presbyteries by November 1, 2018 of Jubilee Fund availability.
- Committee awarded three grants:
  1. Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church – Congregational Leadership Development \$2500
  2. Lloyd Presbyterian Church – Outreach to Youth and Families \$2500
  3. Calvary Presbyterian Church – Grace Young Enrichment Camp \$2500
- Funds currently available to committee after disbursement \$5,750.00

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Continue to find professional grant writer(s) to tutor Presbyteries; preferably at Synod
- Committee next meeting will be a face to face in Richmond, VA September 30, 2019 pending available funds