

2022 Grant Committee Year in Review

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The objective of the Grant Committee is to explore alternative funding sources beyond our member giving, endowments, and rental income. The committee is in a transition point that will require fresh volunteers and leadership to continue to have an impact in 2023 and beyond. Please sign up to join and lead in 2023. The Committee's efforts ended in 2021, but the opportunity still exists to support Holy Communion's ministries, operations, and facilities.

Successes

Our Grant writing to support The Grace Gatherings (GG) ministry brought in more than \$100k over the last several years, mostly through the Diocese's New Ventures Grant and the Bishop's Thompson Fund. We have reached the end of our 2-year limit on the New Ventures Grant, so we will not receive those funds in 2023. The Bishop is continuing to provide support to get Grace Gatherings off the ground in 2023.

Room For Hope

Outside of the Grant Committee, Rev. Julie Graham did apply for another Grant from the National Episcopal Church. The "Constable Grant," if awarded, would provide \$75k in funding for workshops and staff salary support for the Grace Gatherings ministry work.

Future Vision

Beyond applying for established grants, the Grant Committee had a vision to build relationships with potential partners and funders, such as foundations in the region. With the design support from Claudia Moran, we developed a series of one-page fliers to promote some of Holy Communion's ministries that we would like to grow with the help of partners. Holy Communion's next step is to use these new fliers to initiate conversations with other organizations to explore where our ministries and their funding interests may align. Join the Grant committee to initiate these discussions and drive these discussions and relationships forward.

If you have read this far into the report, email Brian Barnhart and he will buy you a drink.

If there are other Ministries that would like some support of the Grant Committee, please reach out and we can find ways to help you grow and dream. Scott Ferguson has a lot of experience working with Grants for the Episcopal Church and would be a great person to discuss ideas with as well.

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