

Presbytery of Boise
Financial Management Committee
November 5, 2022

On behalf of the Presbytery of Boise, we are pleased to recommend the enclosed budget and share how your generous support has furthered God's mission in the Treasure Valley and beyond. Together, we have made possible ministries that alleviate hunger, care for youth who are vulnerable, and build connections in community that make God's love visible.

God's Mission in the Boise Presbytery



In 2022, the Presbytery made grants directly to our congregations and ministry partners, totaling over \$58,000. At First Presbyterian in Homedale, your mission giving empowers the congregation to alleviate hunger and nurture at-risk youth in the community. Homedale offers a Sunday morning program that includes breakfast, sharing of prayer requests during worship, and Sunday School with their youth directors, intermixed with life skills and plenty of physical activity.

From a Homedale 1st grader, about her weekend:
"I went to the Great Big House where Jesus lives! I love going there!...I learned that he lives in our hearts for ever and ever...[Y]ou just have to ask. Oh, and we made a craft heart too."

With your mission support, Bethany can partner with the **Next Chapter Food Pantry and Garden of Ontario, OR**, which is marking 17 years of uninterrupted operation and service. The pantry provides two church locations for clients to receive emergency food, and Bethany members are active volunteers at the garden, on the board, with fundraising, and in

operations.

"It is not an easy task for small pantries such as ours to keep up funding for operation and for improvement, but we are determined to meet the challenges."



"The grant money we get from the Presbytery is hopefully going to plant a seed that will grow, and we find that when Kaiti Walton is at church with a children's program, we have at least three young families that attend that have never attended before."

Kirkpatrick Memorial uses your mission gifts to strengthen ties to the community. Starting in 2021, they were blessed to have a great C of I student begin as our Sunday School teacher, and her brother joins her this year. Their lessons are a powerful and increasingly rare witness to



Reformed Theology in Parma.

In addition, Kirkpatrick Memorial hosts the popular **Music in the Gazebo program**, taking advantage of its beautiful grounds.

Known as "The church in the heart of the community with the community at heart," Kirkpatrick can only support this outreach because of

the funding our Presbytery provides through our collective mission donations.



The College of Idaho and Camp Sawtooth are mission partners supported by the Presbytery. Your continued generosity has made this possible. At the college, more than 50 students are thriving in small groups supported by the mission grant; the Wednesday evening program averages 35 students, with a total of 67 different students over the Fall. Their worship and Bible study nurtures their faith formation.

"Mission Partnership funds have supported the small group program by supplying meals to off-campus students and adults who are participating... Finally, we are rebuilding our student internship program, growing out of the student participation..."



In operation since 1932, Camp Sawtooth is a holy place, where young and old alike can come and listen to God. Youth and adults spend time in God's creation and experience the love of Jesus Christ. Camp Sawtooth touts a robust Summer Camping Program, volunteer opportunities, and sacred space for church retreats for many denominations.



The Presbytery itself also strives to be a visible witness to Christ in our region. For example, with your gifts of money and volunteers, the Presbytery has come alongside several people on the path toward the ministry of Word & Sacrament. We could not support their holy discernment without you.

WHEN SURVEYED, WE EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT THE PRESBYTERY WOULD DO MORE THAN THE ECCLESIASTICAL BASICS. BY CONTINUING OR INCREASING YOUR SHARED MISSION SUPPORT, WE WILL LIVE INTO THAT HOPE.

Your support is needed even more for 2023. The Presbytery is in transition, and we are calling on leaders to guide us into the next phase with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Your *per capita* and mission donations support the work of the transition team, as they explore cross-presbytery collaboration. Our Personnel Committee brought on board our new Transitional Presbyter/Stated Clerk, who will help guide our discernment in the transition. The Committee on Ministry is planning a short pastors' retreat after Easter to offer a time for renewal and collegiality, coupled with worship support for the congregations. All of these are ways we can encourage continued, faithful ministry in the Presbytery of Boise, through your gifts.

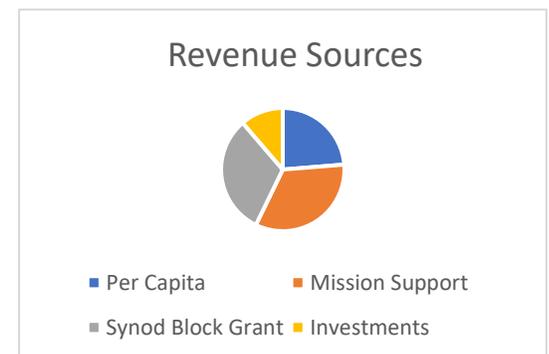
Revenue Budget for 2023

Revenues for the Presbytery come from four sources. Your contributions to these sources sustain our Presbytery and allow us to live into our Matthew 25 calling to feed those who hunger, visit people who are sick or in prison, welcome the stranger, and care for people who are vulnerable.

Shared Mission Support When you send undesignated mission support to the Synod as the receiving point, 25% of your gift goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for programs, such as Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, World Mission, and 1001 New Worshiping Communities. The Synod receives just over 3%, which it makes available to us as Synod grants. **ALL THE REST COMES BACK TO THE PRESBYTERY FOR OUR LOCAL MINISTRIES.**

Synod Block Grant The Presbytery is also blessed to have a block grant of just over \$44,000 from the Synod, derived from its savings and loans operations. The Presbytery designates **100% to mission** and ministry grants. For 2023, the Mission Strategy Committee has recommended grants to 9 separate ministries that will impact our local communities and those across the globe!

Per Capita As we seek to live into our Matthew 25 vision, the Financial Management Committee recommends a small increase to *per capita* (an amount based on each congregation's reported active members) to \$30.00 per member, a total that is split between the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. For years, *per capita* has only gone up by



pennies, but the share we pay to the Office of General Assembly has increased and will increase again slightly for 2023-24. The proposed adjustment will help stabilize the share retained by the Presbytery to fund its ongoing ministries.

Expense Budget for 2023

In the coming year, the Presbytery will have the opportunity to expand its participation in God's mission in the Treasure Valley and beyond. We celebrate the ongoing and new mission grant applications that demonstrate the vitality of our ministries and the initiative of our leaders. ***We count on you to make these hopes a tangible witness of Christ's love.***

We've tightened the budget where it makes sense but expanded it to respond to ministry needs. One extra-budget item pertaining to a legal matter will be funded by reserves.

Thank you in advance for making your *per capita* payment in 2023 and for your mission support. We urge you to consider increasing

your giving from last year, so that our collective mission can honor God and bless our communities. *A mission pledge for is enclosed for your use.* Please return it to the Presbytery office by email or email (boiseinterimexec@gmail.com) by December 15, 2022. Knowing your pledge helps us be better stewards of the Presbytery's resources.

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| Mission Support & Program | \$55,600 |
| Committee Expenses | \$19,900 |
| Transitional Personnel | \$73,837 |
| Per Capita to OGA & Synod | \$16,893 |
| Administrative | \$12,600 |

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