



Hunger Grant Awards Distributed to Support Food Ministries

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Presbytery of West Virginia’s Mission Committee met Thursday, December 11, to review and select Hunger Grant recipients in support of their food ministries.

Ten awards were given for a total of \$25,800. Recipients include Bates Memorial Presbyterian Church in support of Eastern Cabell County Humanities Organization (ECCHO); Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church in support of The Neighborhood S.H.O.P.; Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sutton, in support of United Christian Food Pantry; Edgewood Presbyterian Church in support of Saturday of Service (SOS) meals; Elk Hills Presbyterian Church in support of Lower Elk River Ministerial Association (LERMA); First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar in support of Blessing Bags and the Got Lunch Program; First Presbyterian Church, Hinton in support of First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry; First Presbyterian Church, Parkersburg in support of the Mid-Ohio Valley Community Christmas Dinner; Old Stone Presbyterian Church in support of the Lewisburg Fairlea Food Locker; and Philippi Presbyterian Church in support of the Heart and Hand House Food Pantry.

By supporting food ministries, the recent distribution of Hunger Grants will impact nearly 6,000 individuals with more than 2,600 households who will receive nutritious meals or sustainable pantry staples to make their own meals. The Presbytery of West Virginia said it is the generosity of congregations who provide the funds for the Hunger Grants through the Cents-Ability Offering.

Started by the Presbyterian Women, Cents-Ability is a step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Each person at the table gives a few cents (2 cents/a nickel/a dime) at each meal. Congregations invite every member—of all ages—to contribute a few cents (2 cents/a nickel/a dime) at for each meal to support local, national, or international hunger ministries. 25% of what is collected is retained by the local congregation, while the rest is split between the Presbytery Hunger Fund and the General Assembly’s Presbyterian Hunger Program.

“In 2025, we give thanks for the faithful participation of 42 congregations who together contributed \$11,825.31 through the PC(U.S.A.) Cents-Ability Offering,” said Chris Alfred, Treasurer and Business Administrator for the Presbytery of West Virginia. “These gifts are a powerful expression of our shared commitment to addressing hunger and poverty.”

The Presbytery of West Virginia is a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with more than 110 congregations throughout West Virginia, excluding the two panhandles. The Mission Committee awards Hunger Grants to the churches in their Presbytery. Churches may apply for Hunger Grants quarterly. In the past 12 months, 15 Hunger Grants have been awarded for a total of \$35,800. Since 2015, the Presbytery of West Virginia has awarded Hunger Grants for a total of \$216,371.84.

For more information about the Cents-Ability Offering, [click here](#). For congregations who wish to learn more about Hunger Grant opportunities, [click here](#).

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