

From 11/18 Manual of Operations for the Synod of the Covenant

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

SYNOD MISSION COMMITTEES

Each Committee will:

1. Have a membership of around 5 members
2. Have at least three assembly members (one to serve as moderator)
3. Committees nominated by the Committee on Representation and Inclusiveness and elected by Synod Assembly
4. Terms for everyone will be in classes with terms for three years
5. Committees can create work teams to carry out any task in their area of responsibility
6. Annually self-evaluate and report to Assembly
7. Submit an annual budget request to the Budget and Finance Committee

A. Grants and Scholarships Committee to include as needed such as:

The Grants and Scholarships Committee will manage the Grants and Scholarships offered by the Synod of the Covenant. This will include reviewing the Application forms and determining which individuals or organizations will receive the awards. The Grants and Scholarships Committee will present needed revisions to Synod Assembly for approval.

1. Areas of Ministry
 - New Covenant Grants
 - Racial Ethnic Program Grants
 - Higher Education Scholarships
 - Peacemaking Scholarships
 - Other Grants and/or Scholarships not assigned by another committee
2. Responsibilities
 - Administer synod grants to congregations
 - Administer racial ethnic program grants
 - Evaluate congregations or organizations receiving grants periodically
 - Select Scholarship recipients

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST CRITERIA FOR THE SYNOD OF THE COVENANT

PEACEMAKING (Grants and Scholarship Committee)

Peacemaking funds are available for scholarships to specific events or trainings that would help further the cause of Peacemaking or Justice within the Synod of the Covenant. Recipients will be expected to share their learning for the benefit of organizations within the synod; new mission initiatives developed because of this scholarship or learnings that can be shared. Priority will be given to members of

Presbyteries that support the Synod through the Peacemaking Offering. No one should be awarded a scholarship on consecutive years.

Application due date is September 1ST. Administered by the Grants and Scholarships Committee.

RACIAL ETHNIC PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION (Grants and Scholarship Committee)

The Racial Ethnic Program Grants are to promote programs with the Racial Ethnic Churches within the Synod of the Covenant. Grants must have the signature of the Executive/General Presbyter or designee or in their absence the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

Ordinarily grants will not exceed \$3,000. The priority for a grant is a new mission initiative or outreach to the neighborhood around the congregation. No congregation can receive a grant on consecutive years.

The application will ask for objectives of the project, measurable goals of the project and a focus on who the intended beneficiaries of the project will be. A six month report will be made to the Church Development and Transformation Committee and a detailed final report will be submitted by October 1 of the following year.

Application due date October 1. Administered by the Grants and Scholarships Committee

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS (Grants and Scholarship Committee)

Description is found on the Synod of the Covenant Web site.

Application due date is October 1. Administered by the Grants and Scholarships Committee.

NEW COVENANT GRANTS (Grants and Scholarship Committee)

Description is found on the Synod of the Covenant Web site.

Application due date is October 1. Administered by the Grants and Scholarships Committee.

SIGNITURES FOR PROGRAM GRANTS AND NEW COVENANT GRANTS

Grant Application Forms for Program Grants for Racial Ethnic Congregations and Synod New Covenant Grants shall include a line for the Executive/General Presbyter's signature.

For Applications and further descriptions: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/resources/>