

Grants Review Commission

The Grants Team has begun to meet concurrently with the Community Ministries Team. Our Team will be developing an application form with criteria and guidelines for local congregations engaging in creative outreach. These grants will be similar to the Greystone Legacy and New Hope Grants in the former Elizabeth and the Service and Witness grants in the former Newark.

The new Grants Team has George Ross, RE from Central Summit, Lynn Salassie RE from Central Montclair with Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari, HR TE as Convenor. We want to expand our team membership. If interested, contact Dr. Macari at kjmacari@hotmail.com

Community Ministry Commission

The CMC currently consists of Valencia Norman, Dan Mitchell and Brooks Smith. We expect to add 2 members at this meeting.

We have conducted 2 joint meetings with the Grants Commission to introduce ourselves to one another and seek to clarify our responsibilities and resources.

Jerome Lane is the staff resource for both commissions. Working with Jerome we have agreed that the Grants Commission will focus on allocating funds to ongoing church programs and agencies in a way similar to the Service and Witness Committee of former Newark and the agency grants of the Mission Committee of former Elizabeth.

The CMC will allocate funds for shorter term projects and programs along the lines of the Greystone Grants of former Elizabeth and the New Hope grants of the Mission committee.

We agreed to create a single application form. We intend to present that form and an application process to the May presbytery meeting.

We have been informed that there is a fund of \$10069 available for disaster related expenses and \$8487 for Greystone projects. While the CMC understands that it is designated to serve as a disaster commission, we very much need someone with a passion for disaster response to serve with us.

Through the Community Ministry newsletter that Jerome has developed we expect to inform the Presbytery about the variety of church based ministries that serve our community.