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Is Your Church Envisioning a New Community Outreach?

The objective of our 2020 Vision Plan is to create in our Conference an ethos of expectation, experimentation and transformation AND to develop opportunities for adaptive, creative and entrepreneurial discipleship. To accomplish this, The **New Ministries Fund** program awards up to \$15,000 in support of new ministry initiatives — particularly those which connect congregations and local communities— to achieve our 2020 Vision objective. Current funding initiatives include support of new preschool programs, mission projects in partnership with local helping agencies and worship experiences specifically designed for use outside the church.

More details and an application can be found at:

<https://psec.org/missions-ministries/new-ministries-fund/>

Deadlines happen twice annually January 1 and July 1 of each year. Each new ministry applicant is required to complete a full report within a year of receiving a grant so that new ministry can be recognized and celebrated.



Church Leadership Training...

Is your church taking advantage of this valuable tool?

First United Church of Christ in Royersford, using a **New Ministries Fund Grant** from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, developed a training program to strengthen volunteer leaders in churches.

The objective was to create a way for the volunteer leaders from churches and non-profit organizations in the local communities to practice the basic disciplines of team building and project leadership that is not loaded with the academia or big business approach of lengthy training programs. The training program and materials are designed to help volunteer leaders be better prepared for the leadership jobs they accept. The program aims to provide these materials in small digestible pieces, that would be available to volunteers whenever and wherever they are needed.

This valuable tool, helpful to YOUR church leadership, can be found at: <https://psec.org/resources/leadership/>

Disaster Buckets/Kits NEEDED

UCC Disaster Ministries is asking churches to help overcome a shortage of cleanup buckets, stocked with essential supplies for after a natural disaster strikes. Disaster Ministries is offering matching grants of up to \$250 as an incentive to assemble Church World Service kits — in particular, the Emergency Cleanup Buckets. To learn more about these kits and how to apply for the grant use the following link: https://www.ucc.org/disaster_2018_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page.

For a list of PSEC and PNEC congregations that have offered to be drop-off locations for the kits you assemble, visit psec.org/drop-off. Email kjones275@comcast.net with your stories and pictures so we can share your story



Have you registered yet....



2019 Fall Meeting

Sunday, November 17th

@ Ursinus College—Bomberger Hall

2:30 pm Registration / 3:00 pm Meeting

How do your OCWM contributions benefit your Pastor, your members and your youth?

What were the Resolutions at General Synod all about and how do they effect your church?

These are just a few of the questions that we will answer at the Fall Meeting. Join us and learn what is happening in PSEC and how your church benefits!

Register at: <https://psec2019fall.eventbrite.com>