Church Transformation Grant Application

Grants for up to $2500 may be requested through the Committee on Ministry for initiatives to facilitate the growth, outreach, and healthy functioning of congregations. Grants are intended to supplement, not substitute for, congregational resources, and may not duplicate requests for Mission Grants or Emergency Assistance Grants. The request will be reviewed by the Committee at its next meeting following receipt of the application. Application for Technology Assistance Grants should be made using this form.

A. Purpose

Project Title : Technology Upgrades that are Needed to Provide Necessary Pastoral Care

Briefly state the nature and purpose of the request:

On November 20, 2022, Rev. Karen Blatt will retire from serving as Temporary Supply Minister at the Presbyterian Kirk of the Lakes. At that time, we will need to rely on pulpit supply and support from the Presbytery for providing the pastoral care needed by our congregation, as well as for moderating our Session and other meetings. To accommodate long-distance travel, to explore new church models, and to encourage the participation of members unable to attend, we are moving forward with our first technology-based plan for the church.

B. Contact Information

Who is the principal contact person for the grant?

Name Thomas Glennan, Clerk of Session E-mail tomglennan@charter.net

Phone (cell) (248) 515-2318 (work/home) (989) 422-6651

Address 12834 West Shore Drive City/zip Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

C. Project Description

In 150 words or less please describe how the grant will enhance the growth, outreach, or health of the congregation.

Our church's ability to meet the pastoral needs of our congregation after Rev. Blatt steps down is a critical priority and focus of the Session. We understand that this challenge will require us to be flexible and willing to make necessary changes if we are to continue meeting our congregation's pastoral needs, just as the reduced or modified services and gatherings adopted during the Covid19 pandemic required coming up with and implementing innovative solutions and adjustments to our previous practices. So, after investigating all of the ideas discussed above and more, the Session has concluded that a technology-based approach will provide the best solution for addressing our needs. This will enable us to share video and audio programming with other churches using online platforms such as YouTube and Face Book, and videoconferencing for meetings using services such as Webex and Zoom, to continue providing pastoral care for our congregation.

D. Financial Data (please attach to the application)

Total project cost and budget: $3,468 (Estimated; see attachment)

Financial commitment of the congregation (please identify if funds are from budget, reserves or gifts/pledges): Costs exceeding financial assistance received will be covered with pledges and gifts.

Other denominational/ presbytery funding (please identify source): None

REQUESTED AMOUNT: $2,500.00

Date funds are needed by: As soon as available.

Make check payable to: Presbyterian Kirk of the Lakes

Mail check to: Presbyterian Kirk of the Lakes, 3188 W. Houghton Lake Rd.
Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629

E. Attestation

Date request approved by Session: September 13, 2022

Signature of Session moderator or Clerk: Thomas B Glenman, Clerk of Session

List of IT Equipment Needs

Item	Cost
• 75" Video monitor/Smart TV	$800
• Laptop computer (wireless)	$750
• Wireless router	$200
• Audio speakers/ system (sound bar)	$200
• Video camera	$100
• Moveable equipment cart/stand	$650
• Cabling	$100
Total hardware cost	$2,800
• Sales tax (0.06%)on hardware	$168
• Installation	$500

Total estimated cost $3468