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: Equipment for Live-streaming and Broadcasting to an Overflow Room

Briefly state the nature and purpose of the request:

We are back inside our church building for worship. We want to live-stream our service to YouTube, for those not able to or comfortable with returning to inside worship. We also want to accommodate extra people, if we are unable to fit them into the Sanctuary due to physical distancing requirements.

B. Contact Information

Who is the principal contact person for the grant?

Jim Lyles
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248-396-4695 (cell)
248-634-4610 (home)
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C. Project Description

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

We have returned to worshipping in our Sanctuary, with physical distancing and masks. We are trying to solve two problems: 1) Livestreaming with decent-quality sound to our YouTube channel, which requires an audio interface between our mixer and our audio/visual computer, and 2) Live broadcasting of the service to our Fellowship Hall, to serve as an overflow area if the Sanctuary doesn't have room for everyone (due to distancing requirements). This requires the purchase of a large-screen TV for the Fellowship Hall, and other electronics to form a viable HDMI output and to send it from the A/V computer in the Sanctuary to the large-screen TV in the Fellowship Hall.

D. Financial Data (please attach to the application)

(see attached spreadsheet)
Total project cost and budget: $1,293

Financial commitment of the congregation (please identify if funds are from budget, reserves, or gifts/pledges): $109 – these items were purchased and donated by church members.

NOTE: We decided not to run a special campaign requesting extra donations from our congregation. Psychologically, we feel the timing is really bad to ask for extra money from people. We worry that some people have gotten used to not coming to church during the pandemic (because they didn't like parking lot worship in their cars, for instance). And we know that some have been affected financially by the pandemic. Now that we are back in the church, they may come to a worship service for the first time in over a year. If the first thing they see is a special pledge drive to pay for new technology, we might never see them again.

We have some serious building issues we are dealing with (crumbling, unsafe cement steps; a failing exterior wooden staircase; and weather-related damage to the cement on our front porch, where the railing posts are anchored). These need to be dealt with this year, and will likely exceed $10,000 in cost. So we could really use the help from this technology grant.

Thank you for considering it.

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

REQUESTED AMOUNT: $1,184

Date funds are needed by: Not urgent

Make check payable to: Holly Presbyterian Church

Mail check to: Holly Presbyterian Church, 207 E. Maple, Holly, MI 48442

E. Attestation

Date request approved by Session: June 8, 2021

Signature of Session moderator or Clerk: James M. Lyles

Updated 7/1/2020

Item	Cost	For	Notes
Behringer UMC22 audio interface	$49	live-streaming	
Cam Link HDMI-->USB adapter	$93	live-streaming	donated
HDMI2AV (splits HDMI into audio & video)	$11	FH overflow	
AV2HDMI (combines audio & video into HDMI)	$14	FH overflow	
set of 3 short HDMI cables	$16	FH overflow	donated
j5create HDMI over Wireless extender kit	$140	FH overflow	
UHD 75" SmartTV	$800	FH overflow	
heavy-duty rolling cart for SmartTV	$170	FH overflow	
Total	$1,293		
Items donated	$109		
Amount requested	$1,184		