

JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERY

5.4980 - YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Rationale:

Youth ministry is based in congregations. Youth Partnership Mission dollars are intended to strengthen the call young people receive both individually and as members of a faith community to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to help them live out their discipleship by taking risks, meeting other's needs, and adopting a lifestyle that includes study, prayer, worship and service.

Criteria:

1. "Youth" is loosely defined as young people ages 12-18 or 6th-12th graders.
2. Individual youth may apply for scholarships to attend Presbyterian sponsored training/growth events for youth. Scholarships will not exceed \$100.00 per youth. (If more than 5 youth from a single congregation apply for scholarships to the same event, criteria #3 will be utilized.)
3. Individual congregations seeking funding to finance youth mission trips or special youth leadership programming for a youth group may apply for up to \$500.00.
4. All Youth Partnership grants must in specific ways encourage young people to have a faith in Jesus Christ that is their own.
5. Congregation/s may receive funding under criteria #2 or #3 only once in a given year. Preference will be given to churches requesting funding for the "first time."
6. In the year of the National Youth Triennium funding for Triennium will have first priority. Remaining funds after August 1st may be requested under the Youth Partnership criteria.

*See Form: "Youth Partnership Application Form"