

February 5, 2010

TO: Present and Prospective Mission Partners
FROM: JustReach Ministry
RE: Applications for 2011 Presbytery Mission Funding

Dear Friend,

Enclosed is the 2011 Mission Partner application form from the Presbytery of the Western Reserve. The application should be e-mailed or mailed to Susan Gillespie at the Presbytery office so that it is received by **5:00pm on Thursday, April 15, 2010.** The address is on the application form.

As many of you know, we revised our criteria for funding in 2006. It now contains two basic criteria: "That the program/ministry is directly sponsored and/or housed in a Presbyterian congregation, and that the leadership and support for the program/ministry has significant participation from Presbyterian individuals and/or congregations; - **OR** -That the program/ministry is directly related to the issue that is the focus for that year through the [Presbytery's] Matthew 25 Vision and Program." This year, programs and ministries that address **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE** are the identified focus.

In order to further assist you as you consider submitting an application, we offer the following information. In 2009 we were able to grant \$53,000 to fifteen mission partners (average amount of \$3533). Eleven of the ministries and programs directly addressed last year's focus on Health Care; four of them were ministries of a particular Presbyterian congregation. Please note that, given the continuing economic situation, we expect a decrease in our budget again this year. In 2009, a decrease in funding resulted in our being able to only partially fund some of our grant requests; please be aware that we could find ourselves in the same situation this year.

All applications will be reviewed by the committee. If we find that your application is missing data or does not meet our funding criteria, we will notify you. If you receive a grant, you will be asked to provide a written account of how the grant was utilized. The JustReach Ministry will also be following up with each Mission Partner to ensure that the project is meeting the goals presented in the proposal.

Questions can be directed to Laura VanDale, Presbytery staff, by phone at 216-241-3966, ext. 18, or e-mail (lvandale@preswesres.org).

We look forward to future contact as we seek to share in Christ's service.

The Rev. Tom McCabe, Mission Partner Coordinator
JustReach Ministry

Enclosure: 2010 Mission Partner Application