

Ignite 2018 Invitation to Partnership Responses

In the fall of 2018, the Ignite Team of New Castle Presbytery has decided to fund 17 projects out of the over 20 applications we received. Other applicants received a “not yet”, and Ignite will work with these projects to discern next steps.

Development Grants \$33,000

The Ignite Team sees potential in all of these grants and wants to talk more about how to develop these projects so that we may invest greater resources in them on behalf of the Presbytery.

- Westminster Rehoboth & Cool Springs/ Low Income Housing \$20,000
-Partnering with the West Rehoboth Community Land Trust, Westminster Presbyterian Church Rehoboth will work to help provide affordable housing in Sussex County.
- First Presbyterian Church Chesapeake City/ \$5,000
- Partnering with Chesapeake Ecumenical Association, First Presbyterian Church Chesapeake City seeks to create a Generation Station Youth Center, a place for youth and families of southern Cecil County to gather and find community.
- First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City/ Community Harmony \$3,000
-Partnering with other surrounding churches, First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City will work to form a community choir, integrating members of the community and enriching their lives through music in order to make spaces for relationship and transformation.
- Presbyterian Church of Dover/ Restoring Central Dover \$5,000
-Partnering with the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, LLC, the Presbyterian Church of Dover will work to form a new coalition called Restoring Central Dover: Igniting the Faith Community that will work to pair faith communities with the needs of the surrounding area. This grant will serve as seed money for further exploration as to how this Coalition can serve the community.

Launch Grants \$125,446

Ignite received some invitations that describe a new partnership that is ready to launch. They've done the research and nurtured the relationships. The firewood is laid, the partners are committed, and the resources are in place to fan the spark into flame - so these invitations are receiving a Launch Grant.

- Elkton Presbyterian Church/Youth Empowerment Source \$18,000
-Partnering with Youth Empowerment Source, Elkton Presbyterian Church will work to provide educational opportunities, support the needs of the clients of YES, and explore ways to deepen their relationship with this community organization.
- Community Presbyterian Church/Café Church Model \$49,340
-Partnering with local organizations, Community Presbyterian Church plans to provide a “coffee house” type space in which to facilitate workshops, fellowship and education for the community.

First & Central Presbyterian Church/ The Corner Table \$8,106
-Partnering with People's Place and the Delaware Adolescent Programs, INC, The Corner Table will work to provide opportunities for young people who are in the foster system to learn how to shop and prepare healthy meals for themselves and their families.

Riverfront Church/Café Grace \$50,000
-Partnering with Grace United Methodist Church and Friendship House, Riverfront Church seeks to create a space for hospitality, outreach, and Sabbath in Christ's name through a café employing persons from vulnerable populations.

Growth Grants **\$169,873**

Some groups came to Ignite with an existing mission/ministry that they want to take to another level or in an expanded direction. They have demonstrated the efficacy of what they've been doing and are ready to build on an existing foundation. These projects are receiving a Growth Grant.

Community Presbyterian Church/ Community Eats \$12,500
-Pairing with Nemours/AI DuPont Hospital for Children, this project will provide food for children and youth in the local community, encouraging hospitality and fellowship.

Community Presbyterian Church/Community Reads \$10,373
-Pairing with the Delta Education Outreach Center and the Rosehill Community Center, this project seeks to create a space in which children learn to read and find a new passion for learning.

Presbyterian Church of the Covenant/"Foundations for Success" \$20,000
- Partnering with EDGE for Tomorrow, LLC and Mount Pleasant Community Partnership, Bellevie Center and Edgemoor Revitalization Cooperative, this project seeks to support early childhood education and after-school programs for low-income community members.

Hanover Presbyterian Church/ Ministry Support 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition \$9,000
-Partnering with other local churches, Hanover Presbyterian Church seeks continuing support for the work of the 9th Ward Interfaith Coalition to explore new ways to positively impact their community.

Riverfront Church (a 1001 New Worshipping Community, a validated ministry supported by New Castle Presbytery)/Worship \$17,000
- Along with several ecumenical partners including Grace United Methodist Church, Riverfront Church in Wilmington is a place of imaginative and creative worship that is public and accessible for seekers and church-goers alike, sourcing its leadership and musicians from the local community.

Oceanview Presbyterian Church /Community Access for the Handicapped \$6,000
-Partnering with the Milford Housing Development Corporation, this project works to provide housing accessibility for persons with mobility challenges.

Westminster Presbyterian Church/Refugee Integration Support Effort \$20,000
-Partnering with Red Clay Presbyterian Church, Congregation Beth Shalom and other local organizations, this project works with the Refugee Resettlement Programs, providing housing, resources, and other tools to help these families integrate into society.

Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery \$60,000
- This partnership, supported by many of the churches in New Castle Presbytery, will augment their existing ministry with Presbyterians in Guatemala and to do the work of inviting more congregations to become partners and foster a missional learning community.

New Castle Presbytery- Congo Partnership \$15,000
- Grant funds allocated to this existing partnership will serve a catalyst to encourage imagination and increased collaborative work between churches in our presbytery and in the Congo.

Total Ignite Missional Ministry Grants for 2018 \$328,319