

May 2, 2021

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Spring 2021 Envision Fund Awards

By Michelle White, Envision Board Member

Each year, the Envision Board awards grants to serve as seed money for projects that will enrich the ministry and life of the church. These projects serve a wide variety of people, from within the congregation here at CPC to the local, national, and international communities. We evaluate proposals for funding in the categories of Ministry Development, Service in Community, Social Justice Advocacy, and Capital Improvement.

The Envision Board is grateful to God for the life and witness of Robert Riley, whose generous bequest to CPC was used to establish the Envision Fund, as well as the support of Session (especially the Finance Committee), the congregation, and our church office staff who make these awards possible.

This year we had \$164,555 available to distribute, and received four applications requesting a total of \$127,995. At this time, the Envision Board under the approval of Session are pleased to be able to award funding to three projects for a total of \$102,995, described inside.

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ASYLEE WOMEN ENTERPRISE (AWE), Volunteer Coordinator (Service in Community; Local Project, \$30,000, full funding). The project will fund a temporary Volunteer Coordinator to coordinate emergency COVID response activities including the food pantry and diaper bank. The AWE relies predominantly on volunteers to work with asylee families and individuals to connect to services while pending asylum status. Demand has grown tremendously, serving 250 adults and children in 2016 to over 2,200 persons in the food pantry (alone) in 2020. As referrals are multiplying, they are providing additional intensive case management for families, and the day program is virtual. Increase of services and decrease of volunteers due to COVID indicates a need for a temporary paid position to coordinate and build the volunteer base to meet the existing need. This project was submitted by Tiffany Nelms of Asylee Women Enterprise (www.asyleewomen.org), and sponsored by the Mission Committee members, Lee Van Koten, and Susan Krehbiel.

IMA WORLD HEALTH, LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS at Ilam Hospital (Service in Community; International Project; \$59,595, full funding). IMA World Health (IMA) will provide support to Ilam Hospital located in Ilam, Nepal to improve their capacity to treat COVID-19 patients. Ilam Hospital does not have an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with ventilators and other necessary medical equipment to treat patients experiencing the most severe symptoms of COVID-19. Due to the isolated location of the hospital, it's very difficult and costly for those living in these communities to seek medical services at other facilities. The project

will purchase life-saving medical equipment; one of: Ventilator, ABG machine, External Defibrillator with Monitor (AED) Function, Sub-acute Patient Monitor, ECG Machine, Suction Machine, and Infusion Pump. The project was submitted by Jennifer Bentzel of IMA World Health (imaworldhealth.org), and sponsored by the Mission Committee members, Susan Krehbiel and Glenda Johnson (a liaison with IMA).

BRIDGES TO HOUSING STABILITY, INC. Transitional Housing for Survivors of Human Trafficking, (Service in Community; Local Project; \$13,400, full funding). In partnership with HopeWorks of Howard County, Bridges to Housing Stability will open a transitional home for human trafficking survivors within the next year. Bridges will purchase the home, provide property management services, and offer the Circle of Support to the home's residents. This project will provide housing for one year for persons leaving emergency shelter at HopeWorks. HopeWorks will provide a full-time Case Manager who specializes in services to trafficking survivors. The Envision Fund will help establish the program in its initial phase to cover: repair costs (move in and move out), furnishings, costs of initial vacancy. This project was submitted by Dana Sohr of Bridges to Housing Stability (bridges2hs.org), and sponsored by the Mission Committee Member, Vickie Lord.

The Envision Board is truly excited to see God working through so many wonderful projects, and thanks all those who submitted proposals for their time and effort.

Catonsville Concerts at 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 9 at 3 p.m. Online

The sixth concert of the season features the Peabody Ragtime Ensemble! They preserve the roots to American Jazz in a delightfully diverse line-up of traditional jazz, ragtime, big band, swing, novelties, along with commentary that places the music in its historical context. At 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9, tune in on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CatonsvilleConcertsAt3) or YouTube to enjoy this concert virtually!

Growing in Grace

A YEAR OF LEARNING

Sundays, May 16 and 23, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

As we slowly emerge from the pandemic—and, yes, there's still a long way for us to go—we're going to take some time these two weeks to look back on the past year and share what we have learned, both personally and together as a church. While we all long for some sense of "normalcy," we know that much has changed and is changing. This experience has taught us much about ourselves, our relationships with loved ones, what really matters (and what doesn't), the importance of community, both the limits and the depths of our faith—and so much more. As we begin to slowly "re-open" the church building and resume in-person gatherings and meetings, there's much about the church that has changed. We have learned much about ourselves as a church. We believe that we can take these learnings and step out, open to nudges, hopes, and demands of the Holy Spirit in our lives. What have you, what have we learned? Led by Dorothy Boulton and Ken Kovacs.

Dismantling Racism Committee

May 17 at 7:30 via Zoom a Video Discussion

May is Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. In recognition of the month and in light of increased racist attacks on the AAPI community, the Dismantling Racism Committee will host a video viewing and discussion focussing on some of the challenges faced by that community.

The first video is from a 2020 CBS News program, "Asian Americans: Battling Bias." The second video is the second episode from the PBS web series "What I Hear When You Say..." and focuses on the "Model Minority Myth." We'll watch the videos as a group and then discuss what we learned, our reactions, and what actions we can take in response. We hope you can join us for another lively discussion on the history and current challenges of bias and racism in the US and can be done to dismantle racism in all its many forms.



Register for the May Video Discussion at <https://catonsvillepres.org/event/dismantling-racism-may-video-discussion/> so that we may send you the Zoom details for the call as we get closer to the event date. This event will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, May 17.



Outdoor Service

ON THE GROUNDS

Sunday May 2 at 6:45 p.m.

Join us for an outdoor evening worship service that will include Communion, Ordination and Installation of new officers, and possibly a ground breaking ceremony for the new pavilion. Face masks will be required and other safety protocols will be in place.

Magazines Needed

for Seafarers

By Glenda K. Johnson, for the Mission Committee

This is a reminder that magazines are still being accepted for the Seafarers Center in Baltimore. The Seafarers Center provides 25 bags of magazines (with four magazines per bag each week) to the ships arriving at the Port of Baltimore. Due to the pandemic, shore leave for the seamen is very limited and many of them have had their time at sea extended. This is a more lonely time than usual. Mary Davisson, Director of the Center, appreciates our help to provide these items.

The following magazines can be donated: Time Magazine, Sports Illustrated, and People Magazine (all of these should be less than four months old). Other magazines include: Reader's Digest, National Geographic, magazines about Cars, Mechanics, and other Sports related magazines.

You're requested to donate magazines you may be finished reading or to purchase a couple of these titles at the grocery store or pharmacy. There is a covered/labeled bin on the porch of the Church House for your donations. Deadline is May 14. We will deliver the donations to the Center. Thank you for your support of this project request.

Pavilion Space

Picnic Table

By Ron Gunderson/Mo Ewane, Co-Chairs

Construction of the new pavilion will begin in early May. It will take several weeks before this addition will be completed. The Planning Team has decided to purchase several picnic tables for a portion of the pavilion space, with some space left open for alternative use. The picnic tables will be funded by the Nimms bequest.

If you would like to help fund the tables, please send a check to the church office, made out to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, designating "Picnic Tables". This will be an exciting addition!

Catonsville Can Food Collection

TO BENEFIT CATONSVILLE Emergency Assistance and the Grace AME Food Pantry Once a month on Fridays and Saturdays starting in May you can help donate food to those in need. Drive and drop off dates at Catonsville Presbyterian Church are on Friday, May 7, June 11, July 9 and August 13, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Drive and drop off dates at Knights of Columbus Hall are on Saturday, May 8, June 12, July 10, and August 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall is located at 1010 Frederick Road, Catonsville.

Our Financial Resources

Doing God's Work

■ Income as of April 25, 2021	\$ 218,090
■ Expense as of April 25, 2021	\$ -220,631
■ Total:	\$ -2,541

The Messenger

Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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