



November 27, 2019

Becoming a Matthew 25 Presbytery

Where to begin?

There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses:

- Building congregational vitality by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- Dismantling structural racism by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.



How can the national church help?

Our goal is to be a clearinghouse of resources, training materials, devotional and preaching aids, success stories, curricula and more — everything to help you strengthen relationships, transform your church, and bring alive your commitment to “serve the least of these” in your community and around the world.

How do we become a Matthew 25 church?

It's easy! Simply pledging to become a Matthew 25 church and letting us know is the first step.

How do we become a Matthew 25 Presbytery?

We just need 20% of our churches in the Presbytery to pledge to become Matthew 25 Churches!

Make the Pledge!


Presbytery News



**HAPPY
Thanksgiving**

Homestead will be closed on Thursday November, 28th and Friday November, 29th.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!!



Disaster Response Team

Church Survey Form for Assessing Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

The Homestead Disaster Response Team has created the above comprehensive form for all churches in the Presbytery to fill out. Disastrous events can happen anytime and we need to be proactive about getting prepared! Your churches will be seeing an e-mail with the above form next week.



Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation

WHAT'S YOUR BIG IDEA?

Would your congregation like to increase their impact in your community but lack the funds to get a big idea started? Do you have a project already in the works but could use additional funding to take it to the next level? Nebraska Presbyterian Foundation could be the answer to help you fund your project or program. We are offering annual grants to PCUSA churches and related organizations in Nebraska for new or ongoing outreach activities which enhance or expand some aspect of your ministry. Grants totaling more than \$164,000 were awarded during our last grant cycle. The Spring Grant Cycle process begins in December with grants awarded in April. Visit our website at www.nebpresby.org or call Audrey Richert at 402.420.9877 to learn more about our grant guidelines.

Miss out on the 2019-2020 Planning Calendar order?



You're in luck if you missed out on ordering the 2019-2020 Planning Calendars. The Presbytery has some extra calendars available for purchase!

Contact Jes at hpoffice@homesteadpres.org to get them before they're gone!!

[REGISTER](#)

Opportunities to Learn and Grow

Women of Faith Awards

The Women of Faith Awards, sponsored by Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries in the Presbyterian Mission Agency, will offer an awards breakfast at the 224th General Assembly (2020). The 2020 theme is Women who Disrupt Systemic Poverty. Nominations are being sought for women who challenge systems of poverty and join in action and solidarity with low-income communities and individuals.

[WoF Nomination Form](#)



Lilly Endowment Inc.

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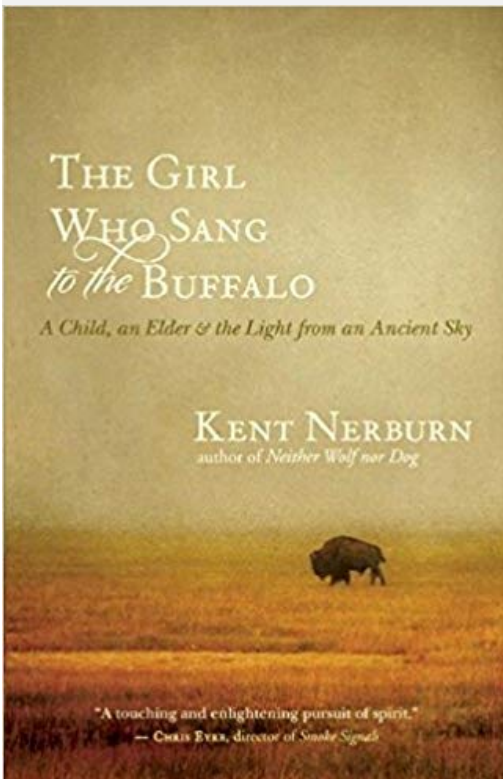
Congregations seeking renewal for their pastor are invited to apply for the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

According to a news release from the program, congregations may apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family. Up to \$15,000 of the funds are available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away.

Through its religion grantmaking, Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based, private philanthropic foundation, seeks to deepen and enrich the lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.

[More Info
Here](#)

Get Lost in a Book



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A haunting dream that will not relent pulls author Kent Nerburn back into the hidden world of Native America, where dreams have meaning, animals are teachers, and the "old ones" still have powers beyond our understanding. In this moving narrative, we travel through the lands of the Lakota and the Ojibwe, where we encounter a strange little girl with an unnerving connection to the past, a forgotten asylum that history has tried to hide, and the complex, unforgettable characters we have come to know from *Neither Wolf nor Dog* and *The Wolf at Twilight*. Part history, part mystery, part spiritual journey and teaching story, *The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo* is filled with the profound insight into humanity and Native American culture we have come to expect from Nerburn's journeys. As the American Indian College Fund has stated, once you have encountered Nerburn's stirring evocations of America's high plains and incisive insights into the human heart, "you can

never look at the world, or at people, the same way again.”

Weekly Prayer Requests

Fremont

Fremont Presbyterian Church is celebrating and praying for God’s faithfulness and provision in this harvest and stewardship season. This month, we are excited for our Apple Pie Mission Fundraiser, when 150 volunteers make and sell 3000 homemade apple and cherry pies, with all proceeds supporting youth and adult missions and outreach. We praise God for blessing us with deeper relationships within our congregation and community, including multiple new families from our neighborhood that we have connected with through outreach efforts like the Summer Lunch Program, Trunk or Treat, and Breakfast with Santa (coming in December). We request prayer for Christ to be glorified in our worship, discipleship and service, as we seek to love God, love people and change lives.

Gresham

Save us, O Lord, from FOBI (Fear Of Becoming Irrelevant) by reminding us each day that every one is your child; uniquely created by You for Your Divine purpose. May the confidence we live because of that knowledge lead us to actions of love and meaning toward our church, and all who are our neighbors. We pray for gentleness and grace-filled words and actions in an often harsh and chaotic world. Grant that the Gresham church and all churches may be filled with hope and courage for the times ahead. AMEN

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