

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting December 9, 2020 and January 21, 2021

The Blackhawk Mission Committee had a special meeting on December 9 and awarded Dekalb, Westminster \$1500 to prepare their mobile food pantry for wintertime Covid-safe outdoor distributions.

The Blackhawk Mission Committee welcomed its new members January 21 at their first meeting of the year. We are happy to have ten active members!

The budgeted funds for Mission Grants have been increased this year in anticipation of the Matthew 25 initiative. As churches are inspired to take new action in the areas of church vitality, structural racism, systemic poverty, or any area of God's work, we hope they will seek the spiritual and financial support of Blackhawk Presbytery. Applications are available on Blackhawk's website:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/>

The **new Matthew 25 Committee** moderated by Diane Jochum continues working to provide support and resources to Blackhawk churches interested in or dedicated to the Matthew 25 initiative. Please watch for M25 news and take advantage of the following:

New Blackhawk M25 webpage:

<http://blackhawkpresbytery.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=48665&PID=1069227>

PCUSA M25 webpage:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church/>

M25 Roundtable Discussions on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 2:00 and 7:00

The Blackhawk Mission Committee recognizes new church development as an unfulfilled responsibility. Even as some of our churches are shrinking, we need to take the leap of faith to plant **new worshipping communities**. We will seek the guidance and resources of the Presbytery Council on this important topic.

Blackhawk Mission Committee's meetings are as follows:

March 18, May 20, August 19, October 21 (3:30 – 5:00)

Respectfully submitted,

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