



Beaver-Butler Presbytery
Serving God...Serving You

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

“Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” – Esther 4:14

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Congregational Leadership,

First, we want to extend our gratitude for your work of congregational leadership during one of the most challenging seasons in the life of the church. As in the story of Esther, though she did not know how God would use her presence, she became a life-saving and transformative part of God’s story. It is by faith that we look toward our Lord amid uncertain times. Likewise, your commitment to the message of hope and good news is more important now than ever.

As colleagues in ministry, we want to extend an offer of financial support toward furthering the ministry and mission of your congregation. The “Temporary Assistance Program” is designed to allow access to a total of \$4,000 as a means of helping your congregation during this season of rapid changes.

Just as worshiping patterns have changed, presbytery leadership is aware that for many congregations, giving patterns have changed as well. We hope to assist in places of greatest congregational need by helping to stabilize critical financial obligations.

We envision funds supporting ministry through immediate needs for pastoral and staff compensation, utility, and bill assistance, mortgage payments, or other critical needs that you can identify.

The assistance will be in the form of a loan up to \$2,000. This loan will be a 0% interest loan with subsequent \$100 monthly payments made to the Presbytery. The loan would be matched with a grant of an equal value that would not be repaid.

In submitting your application, we hope for members of the Ministry and Vocation Committee to begin a conversation with your session to hear how we can best support our congregations.

As a follow-up to receiving your request, we will also schedule a short meeting with your session to discuss how financial assistance will help in planning for future ministry. While we will do our best to distribute funds, we are not making guarantees. Our goal is to distribute funds toward the places of greatest usefulness during a truly unique time of ministry.

May God continue to bless your perseverance and leadership as the body of Christ!

Sincerely,

The Temporary Assistance Program Taskforce