

**Covenant of Understanding between
the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren
and _____ Church of the Brethren**

The Executive Board of the Pacific Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren (PSWD) and the district congregation named above, enter into this covenantal relationship with the sincere desire to hold each other accountable to the relationship established through the Grant Review Committee (GRC). The terms of this covenant are outlined below:

1. All actions of the GRC will be prayerfully considered.
2. The total grants awarded will stay within the PSWD Stewards Commission's recommended policy guidelines for the calendar year.
3. Grant applications will be evaluated on their intention and capability to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).
4. Grants are designated for new or existing projects that are designed to result in congregational growth (see pages 4, 5).
5. Grants will be awarded for up to one year with the possibility of extension. Extensions, if awarded, will be at a reduced amount.
6. The intended project or ministry must be well defined with a written plan for implementation, including sufficient leadership and a time line.
7. The congregation must have a financial plan to help carry out the proposed ministry or project and a plan to continue after grant funding has ceased.
8. The congregation must participate in District Conference, Annual Conference, and other district and denominational activities, including all church growth training events.
9. The congregation must financially support the district and denominational agencies through its outreach budget.
10. Grant recipients are required to:
 - a. File a written quarterly "Grant Progress Report" with the district office unless given other instructions.
 - b. Participate in a daylong retreat of goal setting with the District Executive.
11. Continuation of funding will be dependent upon the ability of the requesting congregation to demonstrate that appropriate progress towards meeting the stated goals of congregational growth has been achieved, in line with values consistent with the Church of the Brethren.
12. PSWD reserves the right to modify the amount, time frame, or payment schedule of any grant awarded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and entered into this Covenant of Understanding upon this _____ day of _____ 201__.

Church Board Chairperson

District Executive Board Chairperson

Church Moderator

Grant Review Committee Chairperson

Pastor

District Executive Minister