

Stewards Commission Report

Stewards Commission:

Mike Boeger, chair (*started May 18, 2011*)
Mike Martin, chair (*through May 18, 2011*)
John Gingrich
Norman Johnson
Elizabeth Rowan
Richard Zapata

Ex-officio members: District Executive Minister,
Moderator, Board Chair, Treasurer

The duties of the Stewards Commission are:

- A. Aids and challenges the churches and other District groups to be faithful stewards of God-given resources;
- B. Promotes programs of general stewardship education and enlistment;
- C. Encourages support for the general work of the board, commissions, and Task Groups and for specific projects;
- D. Supervises the financial interests of the district;
- E. Safeguards and utilizes the property, assets and equipment of the District; and
- F. Recommends the annual budget.

The Steward's Commission continues to work with District staff, the Executive Board and the Policy Board, to improve the PSWD Financial

condition. At the same time, we have continued to invest in our local churches. Toward this objective, the PSWD has invested over five million in the previous five years.

In this current year the Stewards Commission and the Grant Review Committee has approved approximately \$350,000 in grants, almost all of it in church programs or in support of the personnel at our local churches. In addition, a \$230,000 loan was requested and granted for five years at 5% interest for a solar project at our largest congregation.

Other than loans to our churches of \$544,585, as of July 1, 2011, an additional amount of approximately 3.4 million was invested with the Brethren Foundation, and approximately 2.98 million with Merrill Lynch. A projected return at 6% was agreed to by the Stewards Commission.

I encourage you to review the "MIP" Ministry Investment Plan. We continue to have much to be thankful for, and we together, with prayer, will continue the work of Jesus, here on earth, and at this time.

Michael E. Boeger
PSWD Stewards Commission Chair

Grant Review Committee Report

Grant Review Committee (GRC):

Mike Wolfsen, Chair
Felton Daniels
Jerry Davis
Jim Martinez
Richard Zapata

ex-officio members: District Executive Minister, Board Chair, Stewards Chair, Moderator

The Grant Review Committee (GRC) has been appointed to review grant applications and grant reports and make recommendations to the Stewardship Commission. (The GRC is a sub-committee of the Stewards Commission.)

Last year, thirteen churches were approved for 2011 grants, for a total of \$445,710. These grants fund programs for staff and congregational development, outreach, side-door ministries, and pastoral support. Each of the congregations submits a quarterly report

to the GRC so that we are able to maintain continuity in communications throughout the year.

The GRC received twelve Grant Requests for 2012. Most of the churches requesting grants for 2012 were visited by members of the GRC to assure a clear understanding as to the nature of the requests and the needs for the funding. Out of these, nine have been recommended for inclusion in the Ministry Plan being presented at District Conference. The Proposed total for 2012 grants is \$340,405.

The churches included in the Plan for next year include:

- Bella Vista, Los Angeles: \$50,000 for pastoral support for growing urban congregation.
- Circle of Peace, Peoria, AZ: \$30,000 for layperson and minister training for the development of a missional church outreach.
- Glendale, CA: \$45,100 for pastoral support and programs for the continued growth of a multi-cultural church.

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- Iglesia de Cristo Sion, Pomona: \$21,800 for programs and outreach focused at youth and families in a growing Hispanic fellowship.
- Imperial Heights, Los Angeles: \$42,000 for pastoral support focused at the rebirth of a multicultural church.
- Modesto: \$35,000 to support the many community outreach programs in place to promote Brethren values and church growth.
- Pomona Fellowship, Pomona: \$52,800 for pastoral support in specific outreach ministries.
- Príncipe de Paz, Santa Ana: \$18,705 for programs specifically designed to minister to

the community surrounding this growing Hispanic church.

- Waterford: \$45,000 for pastoral support focused at bringing the message of love to the local community.

The GRC will be hosting a workshop at District Conference to let several churches share their experience with grants. Members of the GRC will also be available to answer and questions or receive input on the grant process.

Respectfully submitted

Mike Wolfsen

Chair: Grant Review Committee