

THE RICHARD SHAULL MISSION GRANT



Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

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The Richard Shaull Mission was established in 2004 as a celebration of the life and work of The Rev. Dr. Richard Shaull. Shaull lived a life of service to the global church as an educator, theologian, mission worker and author. He had a deep belief in the possibility of radical change on both social and personal levels and spent his life working with others toward the realization of this dream. At the time of his death a colleague wrote: “Shaull spoke truth to power, which is brave, and life to death, which is transcendent.”

This one-time grant is designed to fund new mission undertakings at their inception and/or to provide support for remarkable mission leaders.

Funds may be designated for

- *salaries (for a project or a remarkable individual doing Kingdom work)*
- *capital (buildings, equipment, and supplies)*
- *sabbaticals*
- *study*
- *service programs*
- *travel*
- *other uses that promote the mission and ministry of Christ’s Church in the world.*

Proposals must fall into the categories of justice or transformational ministry: Projects will develop relationships with partner communities and with them identify and seek to overcome causes of needs and injustice. Projects will involve activities that enable greater freedom and independence on the part of the recipients. In solidarity with partner communities and members, the project will seek humane community development and just structures and systems. Project will connote a reciprocal relationship where both parties become interdependent and benefit from the relationship.

We seek to support programs and projects that are rooted in an Asset-Based Community Development model. Therefore, there should be a clear understanding of the dynamics of the community being served, evidence of that community’s involvement, an explanation of what the community’s assets are, and how that community will measure success. Programs should foster self-sufficiency and empowerment, rather than teaching dependence.

Grant Process and Deadlines:

The full application for the Shaull Mission Grant can be found at **www.bmpc.org/outreach/grants**

Completed proposals for the 2019 cycle must be submitted by **November 21, 2018 to grants@bmpc.org**

Proposals will be reviewed in January and February of 2018.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria, which are meant to be broadly interpreted and inclusive, not a rigid checklist.

- Justice-oriented or transformational ministry.
- Sustainable.
- Evangelical in the broadest sense.
- Empowering.
- Based on partnership rather than paternalism.
- Respectful of the culture(s) in which it operates.
- Financially transparent and accountable.
- Clearly defined means of assessing success.

This grant requires a final report to be submitted to BMPC, including both financial accounting and programmatic narratives.

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Members of Farm Church working in their community gardens in Durham, North Carolina

RECENT RECIPIENTS

Urban Mosaic (www.urbanmosaic.net) - In 2014 Shaull funding was granted to Urban Mosaic, located in Mexico City, Mexico, which provides community development and community organizing training within the slum and squatter communities surrounding Mexico City. Based in their particular model of community development that relies heavily on identifying, training and supporting local leaders from within the community, their project had five key components: strengthening civil society, equipping urban leaders to create sustainability, addressing poverty holistically, promoting structural justice, and creating communities of hope. \$30,000

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (www.smithseminary.org) - Shaull funding was used to help establish the Institute of African American Worship, Preaching and Sacred Arts at Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in 2015. The Institute, located in Atlanta, Georgia serves not only African American congregations, but congregations of any racial-ethnic identity interested in diversifying their worship practices and launching/ supporting ministries of justice and compassion. Their work is done through church wide consultations, festivals of music, recitals and spoken word concerts as well as lectures, seminars and workshops. \$35,000

Presbyterian Church World Mission (www.presbyterianmission.org) – In 2016 Shaull funding was used to support newly appointed PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Cuba and the Philippines. The Rev. Dr. David Cortes-Fuentes & Josey Saez Acevedo are working in partnership with The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. David serves there as Professor of New Testament and Josey works in partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Cuba in the area of Christian Education. The Rev. Cathy Chang serves as Regional Facilitator for addressing migration and human trafficking in Asia alongside her husband Juan Lopez. Their partner in the region is the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. \$40,000

Farm Church (www.farmchurch.org) -Farm Church, located in Durham, NC, is a new congregation in the PC(USA)'s 1001 New Worshiping Communities program that meets on a farm and is faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ by leveraging all the resources of that farm to address food insecurity. Their 2017 Shaull grant is being used specifically to expand their agricultural capacity and garden staff as well as pastoral care for their congregation. \$50,000