

History of the New Church Planting and Church Redevelopment Funds of the Presbytery of Huntingdon

To say the least, the history of these two funds is murky and partial. Much more clear is the current balance in each. The **December 31, 2022 financial statement** states that there was **\$162,471.93 in the New Church Planting Fund**, of which \$900 was donor designated. The remainder, the bulk of the fund was either undesignated or presbytery-designated money. The **2022 year end financial statement states that there was \$46,666.88 in the Church Redevelopment Fund**, of which \$3976.38 was donor designated. In addition, the Krislund Capital Campaign loan owes the Presbytery of Huntingdon \$14,267.03, all of which was borrowed from the Church Redevelopment Fund.

The source of these funds is unclear. We have essentially no financial records for the twentieth century beyond the annual summary reports in the Presbytery minutes. The following paragraph sums up we know.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT FUND

As early as 1970, there was a New Church Planting budget (undesignated monies), but which was used for flood damage repairs and salary supplements. In 1980, it was called New Church Development and Redevelopment (undesignated monies) and used for salary supplements. Through the 1990's and 2000's they were labelled temporarily restricted and designated for New Church Development and Redevelopment. These are monies designated by the presbytery for church redevelopment, transformation, or for becoming a more missional church.

Disbursement of the funds by 2008 was at the discretion of the Discipleship Umbrella Team. At its April 3, 2008 meeting the Discipleship Umbrella Team adopted criteria for use of these funds.

CRITERIA FOR USE OF CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS 2023

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1. The **Committee on Presbyterian Life (CoPL)** will fund no more than 50% of any given revitalization/transformation/missional church project.
2. No more than \$5,000 will be given for any given project.
3. Congregations may reapply for two years beyond the first year, with the cap the second year at \$2,500 and the cap the third year at \$1,250.
4. Each congregation that receives funds will make an annual report to **CoPL** for each project.
5. **CoPL** will evaluate each project each year for faithfulness and effectiveness and, where possible, celebration.

6. All requests must come with a session endorsement.
7. CoPL will give only one transformation grant to any given congregation at a time.
8. These funds are open for application to any congregation in the Presbytery of Huntingdon.
9. We expect church revitalization/transformation/missional church projects to be primarily about outreach beyond the congregation.
10. In the application we expect to see how the proposed project will change the church.