

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting March 24 2020

The BMC received a report from the Kenya Partnership that the special Coins for Kenya collection of **\$5,100 was wired to our Imenti partners to purchase seed for people in Rwarera**, Kenya who after surviving a recent draught were unable to afford seed to plant.

The recent trip to Kenya also created more interest and requests for church partners. If your **church is interested in forming a partnership** with a church in the Imenti presbyteries, contact Pastor Claire Brennecka.

The BMC tabled consideration of a grant applications from Sterling and Fox Valley.

The BMC **approved \$750 to fund Dekalb's Summer** Lunch grant proposal with further consideration of their application tabled.

The **Pastoral Leadership Options Exploration Team** moderated by Mike Selburg, continues to meet and work on creating a resource that will be distributed by COM to churches in leadership transition.

The BMC reminds all presbyters that Blackhawk Presbytery is committed to be a **Matthew 25 Mid-Council**. All churches are encouraged to consider making the same commitment. Information is available at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>
In Addition to Blackhawk, Crystal Lake, Elgin, Elwood, Gardner, Gibson City, Joliet Westminster, Kankakee, Sterling

BMC continues to encourage churches to share their mission success stories at a presbytery meeting. To do so, contact the Blackhawk Presbytery office.

The BMC reminds all churches that local funding for **Mission Grants and Peacemaking Grants** is available for partial start-up funding for new initiatives. Applications are available on Blackhawk's website. Further grant **Applications & resources may be obtained from the Mission Program Grants website at**
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/mission-program-grants/>

Blackhawk Mission Committee scheduled a special meeting to consider grant applications on **April 21, 2020** at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Their next regular meeting is **May 26**.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker