

BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE
Meeting October 19, 2017

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved the **Westminster Joliet Mission Grant Application for \$1500 to help defray the cost of after-school tutors for their new “Homework Hotspot”** being set up at their church.

Ridgefield Crystal Lake, Westminster (DeKalb), First (Galena) will report during the Presbytery meeting on the visit of their peacemaker, Paola Schellenbaum from Italy.

Submissions are being solicited for the electronic **Mission Yearbook**. They are requesting personal stories about the impact your ministry has had in 500 words or less with good photos. You may submit as many stories as you like, as often as you like, throughout the year. Contact Jacqueline Carter, Production Specialist Presbyterian Mission, jackie.carter@pcusa.org for more information.

The BMC reminds all churches that funding for **Mission Grants and Peacemaking Grants** is available for partial start-up funding for new initiatives. Applications are available on Blackhawk’s website.

Youth Volunteer Opportunities (YAV) applications are now available for the 2018-2019 year at the following website: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/yav/>. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation while exploring the meaning and motivation of their faith in community with peers and mentors. Volunteers serve in 22 sites around the world. YAVs are also available to speak at local churches. If you have any questions about the application process, specific site placements, etc., please email yav@pcusa.org.

BMC is grateful that ending the contract with Mission Insite has averted the proposed decrease of \$1000 in next year’s budget.

The BMC thanks the Presbyterian Women for leading the Church World Service Kit Challenge and all the churches that participated.

Next meeting of the Blackhawk Mission Committee is **January 11, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. at Stronghold.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker