

**BLACKHAWK MISSION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting August 16, 2018**

Blackhawk Mission Committee (BMC) approved **\$250 for Middle Creek Presbyterian Church's grant request for a lending library and small on-site food pantry.**

BMC approved **\$950 for Ridgefield Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church's grant request to support interfaith and cultural gatherings among protestants, Catholic, Muslim and Jewish members of the community.**

BMC approved **\$850 to reserve a bus for the Youth Triennium.** BMC agreed to finance the remaining cost of the bus (approximately \$2450) out of next year's budget.

BMC affirms the annual **celebration of the Kenya Partnership.** In addition to the twenty-one-year-old partnership between Blackhawk Presbytery and Imenti Presbytery, the following churches have partnerships with Imenti parishes:

Coal City, New Hope	Morrison, First
Dixon, First	Oregon, First
Elmira, Toulon	Oswego
Galena, First	Ridgefield Crystal Lake
Harvard, First	Rochelle, First
Henry, First United	Rockford, Westminster
Joliet, First	Sterling, First
Joliet, Westminster	Utica, Waltham
Kewanee, First	Winnebago, Middle Creek
Manteno, First	Woodstock, First
Marengo, First	Yorkville, AuSable Grove
McHenry, Faith	

Currently **five more parishes are waiting for a Blackhawk church partner.** Please contact Claire Brennecka if your church is interested in starting a partnership.

BMC encourages congregations to participate in the **Christmas Joy Offering** which provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

BMC reminds congregations that communities impacted by recent disasters may be supported through a gift to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).**

BMC decided rather than sending a letter to churches it will continue to simply ask churches to **volunteer information about their mission activities** that we can affirm, support with pray, and share as an inspiration for other churches.

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.

Next meeting of the Blackhawk Mission Committee is **January 10, 2018** at 12:00 p.m. at Stronghold.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Walker