



PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

God has entrusted us with a lot of resources for ministry and mission!

God calls us to be faithful stewards of the gifts we have been given. Part of our stewardship is aligning the resources of Presbytery to support the priorities the Holy Spirit has revealed for us. One of our Presbytery Priorities is to:

Equip congregations to more effectively engage the challenges affecting their communities through regional missional partnerships.

At a recent meeting of MVL, we discussed this focus. How can we jump start conversations, and promote regional Missional Partnerships? Our discussion bore fruit. An idea emerged for a mission/stewardship experiment based on the parable of the Talents. (Matthew 25:14-30)

Here is how this missional /stewardship experiment works. Each congregation in our Presbytery is receiving this letter and a check for \$5000 dollars. Your invitation/charge is: **Use this for mission in your local community, as you are led by the Holy Spirit.** What specifically should you do? The answer is up to your session. Our hope is that you will use these funds to connect a passion of your congregation with a specific need in your community. If you wish, you may even pool your money and partner with other congregations.

This missional initiative is financed from “Fund 2” supporting regional mission partnerships. In accepting this invitation, all we ask is that you share your experience – with MVL and with your region.

(1) Send an e-mail to MVL and tell us about your experience. Write to us at MVL@sfpby.org.

(2) At your next regional meeting of the Presbytery of San Francisco, share your experience with your brothers and sisters in Christ serving in your area.

Share what you did with your \$5000 dollars. Did you make an impact in your community? Did you find partners in mission? How did this enhance your witness to the love of Jesus Christ in your own backyard? Did this spark any longer-term mission initiatives?

We look forward to hearing more and learning together, as we answer God’s call to:

Celebrate, Nurture and Serve our Communities through our life together in Christ.

Blessings,

Mission and Vision Leadership
Presbytery of San Francisco