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Churches Helping Churches Grant

In September, the Session approved a new grant to support churches in our (Carlisle) Presbytery.

In the late 19th century, Derry Church was down to 12 members and was not able to fund a new church building. Churches from the Presbytery of Carlisle partnered together to help raise funds to build Derry's Chapel, and the Presbytery supported the ministry of Derry for many years until it was self-sustaining. Derry remembers with gratitude the generosity of our Presbyterian connectional community. As part of its 300th Anniversary celebrations, Derry wants to continue the tradition of churches helping churches in our Presbytery.

The Churches Helping Churches Grant will help churches in the Presbytery who do not have the funds for needed capital repairs, projects, and growth, just as churches of the Presbytery helped Derry over a century ago. Churches may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 to further the mission and ministry of the church through its church building and property.

A committee will review applications and make recommendations which grant(s) to fund to Session. Session will have the final decision on which grant applications are funded from our Futures Fund*. We will review the grant process next year to determine if we want to make this an ongoing way to support our partner Presbyterian congregations of Carlisle Presbytery.

*The Futures Fund is used to extend the ministry of Jesus Christ through innovation and risk-taking and new mission initiatives.

