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**DOMESTIC AND OVERSEAS**

**GRANT AWARDS**

**Diocese of Alabama**

*$67,120.00*

*Camp McDowell Recycling Center*

*Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama*

To build a self-contained recycling center on the campus of Camp McDowell, which is both an Episcopal camp and conference center. The recycling center will allow Camp McDowell to become “zero landfill” for all its trash and garbage. All trash will be sorted and baled with a baler that will be provided through the grant. The bales will be transported to a large recycling center where the camp will be paid for the material. The ultimate purpose of building the recycling center is to reduce the camp’s waste and carbon footprint. By limiting dumpster pickup and by selling material, the Camp McDowell recycling center will be self-supporting.

**Diocese of California**

*$56,000.00*

*Greening All Saints’, All Saints’ Episcopal Church, San Leandro, California*

To launch a comprehensive greening initiative for All Saints’ Episcopal Church. This includes the installation of solar panels, the replacement of old furnaces with energy-efficient ones, and the removal of asbestos. There will be an evaluation of the congregation’s paper use, recycling, and best practices promoted by Interfaith Power & Light and by Green For All as part of the “Green the Church” movement. The work will not only result in a greener facility for All Saints’ but also create a model and resource for others in the diocese and community.
Diocese of Central Gulf Coast  
$17,900.00  
_St. James’ Episcopal Church Youth Water Ministry_  
_St. James’ Episcopal Church, Eufaula, Alabama_  
To provide an opportunity for underprivileged youth to gain a better understanding of, foster respect for, and care for the natural resources surrounding the community. One key ingredient is to provide access to the water resources by training youth in water safety and the use of kayaks. Another is to provide the youth an opportunity to learn firsthand about the local water ecosystems. Engaging the youth physically, mentally, and spiritually on Alabama’s waterways is a key step toward safeguarding the future of Alabama’s water resource education.

China Province of Guizhou  
$66,620.00  
_Sewage Ditch and Sewage Disposal Tank Construction Project in Sandu Shui Ethnic Autonomous County, China Christian Council, Sandu Shui Ethnic Autonomous County, Guizhou Province, China_  
To help a village construct a sewage ditch and install disposal tanks to properly handle the discharge and treatment of its domestic and production water. This will improve the local environment and make it sustainable for the local people.

Diocese of Colorado with the Companion Diocese of Haiti  
$64,000.00  
_Creating Opportunities for Eco-Friendly and Healthy Livelihoods in Haiti_  
_St. Paul’s School, Petit Trou de Nippes, Haiti_  
To reforest degraded land with high-nutrition native fruit and nut trees using environmentally sustainable methods; to strengthen family garden and small animal husbandry programs at St. Paul’s School; to train local producers in eco-friendly practices; to conscientiously integrate female students and teachers; and to empower girls with nutrition and agricultural skills.

Diocese of Costa Rica  
$64,348.94  
_Anglican Province of the Central American Region, Creative Expression of Gratitude – Clean Energy for Generations, San Jose, Costa Rica_  
To install and utilize 138 solar panels to produce clean energy and to reduce the
carbon footprint of the diocesan offices and Hogar Escuela, the social program run by the Diocese of Costa Rica for children from low-income and broken homes.

**Diocese of Delaware with the Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic**

$44,526.00

**Jalonga Solar Power Project, District Municipality of Guayabo Dulce, Hato Mayor del Rey, Dominican Republic**

To install a solar power system on the Episcopal Church property in Jalonga, which will also generate electricity for a water well. This system will provide consistent electricity for the church, the community center, and the bakery. It will bring relief to the children and families using the Early Learning Program at the church school, which is often without water due to frequent power outages. There are also plans to reestablish a functioning well and to install an appropriate water purification system.

**Diocese of East Tennessee**

$22,775.00

**Outdoor Education Center/Osprey Outdoor Center, Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center, Kingston, Tennessee**

To remodel an old barn on the property of Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center into an outdoor education center. The facility will be a place for individuals to have hands-on experiences with goats, chickens, and honeybees and to learn about the immense amount of wildlife in the area, including ospreys, turkeys, deer, red fox, coyotes, and American bald eagles.
This project will promote the integrity of creation by teaching how important all species are to the environment, as well as how essential it is to be good stewards of the many gifts God has given.

**Diocese of Georgia**

$35,580.00

*Honey Creek Ecology Center, Honey Creek Retreat Center, Waverly, Georgia*

To develop a 100-acre experimental ecological center at the diocesan retreat center, Honey Creek; to cultivate a connection to Creation and the retreat center’s biologically rich mix of wetland marsh and maritime forest ecosystems with tidal creek frontage; to improve an existing building for this purpose; to repair and fortify the dock; and to install a new garden with native food crops and pollinator attractors.

**Diocese of Haiti**

$41,300.00

*St. Barnabas’ Agricultural College, Terrier Rouge, Haiti*

To restore dormant farmland surrounding the diocesan-owned St. Barnabas’ Agricultural College. A tractor and plow will be purchased. The food economy will be revitalized by making the land once again bear fruit and support the health and well-being of those who inhabit it. The tractor will be rented out to local farmers in the college’s outreach and teaching efforts.

**Diocese of Indiana**

$39,162.00

*St. Nicholas’ Natural Playground and Environmental Education Project, St. Nicholas’ Early Learning, Inc. at Trinity Outreach Center, Trinity Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana*

To provide grading, landscaping, drainage, fencing, and playground equipment for infants and toddlers in an urban playground. The site, St. Nicholas’, is a high-quality early learning center for families of mixed incomes. Low-income educational opportunities offered through the playground and its gardens will provide fresh produce and take-home kits to use with children.

**Diocese of Iowa with the Companion Diocese of Swaziland**

$33,400.00

*Renewing the Life of The Earth, Parish of Usuthu Mission and 10 Other Parishes, Mbabane, Swaziland*

To prevent further land degradation, to improve the balance of fauna and flora of the region, and to improve the sourcing of...
water are the main focal points of the grant. In this Southern African region, which is facing its worst drought in more than 50 years, survival depends on water harvesting and forest planting and management. The 10 parishes across the diocese will receive a rigorous training program, mentoring, and support to ensure that people have a solid understanding of the program. The ultimate spin-off of the project is to improve people’s lives through techniques that are environmentally sound and sustainable.

**Diocese of Louisiana**

$24,300.00

**Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative – Healthy Living for Low-Income Families, Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative, New Orleans, Louisiana**

To encourage healthy eating through monthly cooking classes that stress the importance of growing local food and that combine classroom instruction, demonstrations, and hands-on cooking education. The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative targets the population of Central City, New Orleans. The area faces many health risks, including high rates of obesity, diabetes, and chronic health disease correlating with the inability to access fresh fruits and vegetables. The grant will go a long way toward understanding and changing the health risks.

**Diocese of Makamba**

$34,588.61

**Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi, Kitchens Gardens: Relief and Life Protection, Nyanza Lac Commune, Burundi**

To transform the lives of orphaned students who are living locally with host families so they may have a better chance at staying in school and contributing to the life of their communities. With the establishment of Kitchen Gardens, a wide variety of vegetables will be grown. This will allow the students the opportunity to grow vegetables to eat and then to sell the surplus in order to purchase school uniforms and supplies, as well as other foodstuffs that they cannot grow easily in the Kitchen Gardens. They also will be able to purchase personal hygiene products.

**Diocese of Maryland**

$34,367.00

**St. Luke’s Environmental Education Campus, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Annapolis, Maryland**

To create an Environmental Education Campus by providing a shed, rain shelter/outlook with outdoor seating, and educational trails with signage on four acres of land, which includes three acres of tidal marsh. Teachers and students in city and
County public and private schools will have access to these facilities, as well as to the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

**Diocese of Massachusetts with the Companion Anglican Diocese of Tanga, Province of Tanzania**  
$33,240.87

*Environmentally Sensitive Renovation at Hegongo Holy Cross Secondary School, Tanga, Tanzania*

To update and improve the Hegongo Holy Cross High School girls’ bathroom facilities so that the accommodations will be safer, cleaner, and friendlier to the earth, and to expand the kitchen so that it will not only provide a facility for cooking but also produce cleaner air for the school and the area surrounding Holy Cross Pilgrim Center and the village of Magila. Gas-burning cookers and sinks will be installed in the kitchen, as well as plumbing with running water for washing the cookware and the dishes. New plumbing will be installed in the girls’ bathrooms for showers. A proper septic system for disposal of wastewater from the kitchen and bathrooms will be installed to prevent contamination of the surrounding land.

**Diocese of Michigan**  
$ 4,000.00

*Community Garden Hoop House Project, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Royal Oak, Michigan*

To install a solar-heated hoop house and water harvesting system on the grounds of St. John's Episcopal Church, a diverse, multigenerational parish. Produce generated there will be used for the “Open Hands Food Pantry,” which serves 13,000 people annually. This ministry will quadruple fresh produce production; teach gardening, composting, and water harvesting; and supply easy recipes and demonstrations for using fresh produce.
Diocese of Missouri
$3,112.00

*Trinity Food Ministry Feeding Our Community, Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri*

To expand the food ministry of the church by adding an afternoon meal to the Thursday food pantry session and to replace Styrofoam items with washable dishware. This past year, the food pantry provided food for 9,000 individuals. Many of the patrons are the working poor or homeless. The grant will enable the food ministry to purchase the dishware, the storage racks, tables, and other equipment needed for sustainability. By using reusable dishware and utensils, the food ministry is being a faithful steward of God’s creation.

Diocese of Navajoland
$41,500.00

*Protecting the Precious Sustainable Practices for Water and Harvest within the Navajo Nation, Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, Arizona, and St. Christopher’s Episcopal Mission, Bluff, Utah*

To create a sustainable farming program along with a pilot program. This provides a unique opportunity to support restoration of traditional Navajo foods, food knowledge, and self-sufficient food systems. This program will give the mission the opportunity to perfect and replicate the program in other communities across Navajoland, as well as to serve as the foundation for a broader program of environmental responsibility and healthy habits.

Diocese of New York
$14,750.00

*Food/Farm/Faith Initiative, Grace Episcopal Church, Millbrook, New York*

To build a greenhouse to develop local, healthy, and sustainable food production and consumption practices as part of the mission of restoring right relationships. The church is in a small village in a rural area. The site for the greenhouse is within a hundred yards of both a high school and affordable senior housing. Through existing membership and ministries of Grace Church, owners, farmers, and farm workers, as well as restaurant and food production workers, are able to connect to one another.
Diocese of New York with the Companion Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Province of Tanzania
$49,000.00

*Shamba Darasa (field classroom)*  
Msalato Theological College, Dodoma, Tanzania

To train laity, clergy, and seminary students in practices of sustainable agriculture, animal husbandry, and beekeeping on 500 acres of property owned by Msalato Theological College in Central Tanganyika. Participants in this program will be able to take what they learn to their communities to increase food security in the region. Funds will be used to create a classroom, dig a well, acquire solar panels to power the well, purchase plants, and provide a caretaker.

Diocese of North Dakota
$50,000.00

*Seven Generations Energy Renewing and Sustaining Project within the Four Native American Reservations in Seven Native Ministries and Congregations: Turtle Mountain Reservation, Fort Berthold Reservation, Standing Rock Reservation, and Spirit Lake Reservation, North Dakota*

To increase the energy efficiency of seven congregations located in four Native American reservations, enabling them to utilize their properties more frequently. Currently, congregations are limited as to how often they can utilize their buildings due to the high cost of heating. The project begins with energy audits for each building and then involves making whatever improvements are determined to be necessary. Funds will be used to purchase new light fixtures, high-efficiency furnaces, and solar panels.

Diocese of Olympia
$12,500.00

*Growing Grace: Sustaining a Community through God’s Creation, St. James Center, at St. James Parish, Kent, Washington*

To create a community program directed toward at-risk families to teach gardening, composting, sustainable living skills, and healthy nutritional choices. The program includes planting a garden that will provide fresh produce for participants, with any extra sold at a farm stand that will help to sustain the project. Funding will be used for the construction of a garden and a farm
stand, as well as composting equipment, a garden internship, and an outreach and arts educator.

**Diocese of South Dakota**

**Holy Apostles’ Sudanese Congregation Sioux Falls, South Dakota**

To purchase a new high-efficiency furnace for a congregation of mostly Sudanese immigrants. The congregation of Holy Apostles is mostly Sudanese immigrants that came from refugee camps. They are in the process of becoming financially independent, and installing a new energy-efficient furnace will enable them to reduce their carbon footprint while saving money on their monthly utility bills. The grant money will also allow the purchase of a water heater and the removal of asbestos.

**Diocese of Upper South Carolina**

**Gravatt Outdoor Learning Centers Gravatt Camp and Conference Center Aiken, South Carolina**

To provide three outdoor learning centers at the Gravatt Camp and Conference Center to support environmental education. These centers include a covered tree house with a composting toilet and outdoor classroom; an outdoor farm classroom and storage shed; and a lakeside outdoor classroom with a labyrinth. Needed equipment to maintain the areas and trails will be funded.
Diocese of Utah with the Companion Diocese of Navajoland
$22,575.00

Bees Bring Hozho to Navajoland
Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, Arizona; St. Christopher’s Episcopal Mission, Bluff, Utah; and San Juan Mission, Farmington, New Mexico

To start a beekeeping program of 40 hives across the Navajoland Area, where almost half the bee colonies have collapsed due to pesticides, loss of wildflower habitat, disease, and climate change. The grant will provide the basic setup of hives, smokers, and beekeeping suits. The honey and honeycombs collected will be marketed and sold to provide funding for the continuation of the project.

Diocese of Vermont
$19,600.00

Rock Point Land Use/Forestry Initiative, Burlington, Vermont

To provide two six-month temporary staff positions at a diocesan property of 130 acres to preserve and conserve the property. The property will be used as educational, recreational, and spiritual land. Buckthorn pullers will be purchased, as well as protective clothing for those clearing invasive plants from the property.

Diocese of Virginia
$14,315.00

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church Community Garden and Interfaith Meditation/Prayer Area,

St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

To level and convert the land of a donated residential home into a garden for food production and education, a safe outdoor play space for children, and a meditation and prayer area near the sixth-oldest historically African American congregation in The Episcopal Church.

Diocese of West Tennessee
$8,500.00

Intern for Environmental Mission—Episcopal Service Corps, St. Columba Episcopal Conference and Retreat Center, Memphis, Tennessee

To launch a 140-acre nature exploration program at a day camp that will develop a curriculum in bird identification, wildlife and nature exploration, watershed health, and other nature-related topics. The program serves primarily physically challenged youth from the inner city.

Diocese of Western Kansas
$25,000.00

The St. Francis Peace Garden Project, Saint Francis Community and Residential Services, Inc., Salina, Kansas

To build a greenhouse and a botanical garden with supplies and benches in a residential center that serves children and youth who have been abused, neglected, or human trafficked. Horticulture therapy and lessons for children on growing food will be a means to improve physical and mental health.
Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)
$89,054.20

Episcopal Migration Ministries/United Thank Offering Challenge Grant, Office of the Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church, New York, New York

Part One: New Resettlement Sites: to provide the start-up costs for salaries for two directors of new Refugee Resettlement sites in Charleston, WV and Asheville, NC. Office furnishings and computers will also be provided;
Part Two: Refugee Mental Health: To provide salaries, furnishings, and resource library materials for mental health services with a spiritual component for refugees at EMM affiliate locations in the United States

Presiding Bishop Grant
$98,000.00

Dioceses of Rumonge, Matana, Gitega, and Muyinga Province of Burundi, Land and Water Conservation to Sustain Food Security

To fight deforestation concerns and food insecurity throughout Burundi through education and the planting and cultivation of fruit trees in rural communities on lands owned and used by the province. A staff person will be funded to lead this program. A laptop and printer will be funded to track the progress of the program, and a vehicle will be purchased for use by the staff person to visit the sites and to transport fruit trees and seedlings.
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YOUNG ADULT

GRANT AWARDS

Diocese of Hawaii
Matthew Lukens
Mark of Mission I
$2,490.00

*Reclaiming Our Space: Church throughout the Week, Emmanuel Church, Enchanted Lakes, Kailua*

To shift the church from an empty building during the week to a resource for the community. This two-part program is aimed at the younger members of the neighborhood. The first part would involve the use of the church building and garden as a co-working space that would act as an alternative to a coffee shop. The church will provide space, seating, and the Internet connection. The second part of the program would be to host a weekly meal preparation in the church’s kitchen. There would be an opportunity each week for the young adults to gather and do meal preparation in bulk. The cost to those preparing the meal would be based on the amount of servings that young adults take home for the week. It would offer a time for fellowship and an opportunity to cook in community. The money granted would be used on tables, seating, Wi-Fi improvements, coffee shop and kitchen supplies, and advertising.

Diocese of Iowa
Joseph Nastruz
Mark of Mission I
$2,500.00

*Feeding the Hungry at Chef D’s*

To provide a free meal to 50-75 people once a month at a local restaurant, Chef D’s, in Des Moines, Iowa. Chef D’s has become known for its outreach ministry to the homeless and poor in the area by providing a free meal in a restaurant setting with table service. Emphasis is placed not only on feeding individuals but also on giving them a sense of dignity. This is a collaborative project between Chef D’s and Breaking Bread, a Eucharistic young adult group. The group plans to help serve these meals and give participants a chance to tell their story. The grant will fund the cost of serving meals for 10 months at Chef D’s.
**Diocese of Kentucky**  
**Erendira Jimenez-Pike**  
**Mark of Mission 4**  
$2,500.00

*Hear2Heal: Racial Reconciliation in the Diocese of Kentucky*

To promote racial reconciliation in the Diocese of Kentucky by facilitating an opportunity for diocesan leaders to understand injustices firsthand. This opportunity seeks to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation. This project will allow the wide range of churches in the diocese – rural to urban, conservative to progressive, poverty stricken to wealthy, and continually increasingly segregated – to gather together clergy and lay leaders to listen to people of color in their parish and neighborhood communities, reflect on their own biases and privileges, and then discern how to take this back to their parishes. The grant will fund honorariums for local community speakers, as well as food for the event.

**Diocese of Minnesota**  
**Steve Mullaney**  
**Marks of Mission 3 and 4**  
$2,500.00

*Faith-Based Organizing in North Minneapolis*

To assist two Episcopal faith communities in North Minneapolis: St. Andrew’s Episcopal and Circle of the Beloved Episcopal Service Corp, to seek deeper relationships with their neighborhood and neighbors, especially around the issues of young adult employment and food justice. The plan is to train young adults and experienced adults in facilitation and community-organizing practices in an effort to seek creative solutions for young adult employment and food justice. Participants will complete 200 one-to-one meetings with different neighbors, community organizations, and faith communities. The grant will fund training for the organizers and the 200 one-to-one meetings, as well as food and publicity.

**Diocese of Northern Michigan**  
**Shelby Marter**  
**Mark of Mission 3**  
$2,485.00

*English as a Second Language (ESL): Tutoring with a Twist, Houghton, Michigan*

To expand a Canterbury House student-led English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring program for students from two area universities with high concentrations of foreign students. The emphasis will be on building conversation skills beyond the current emphasis on preparation in English mechanics and test taking. The grant will fill a student coordinator position who will facilitate clear communication practices between tutors and students, as well as purchase more resource materials.
Diocese of San Diego
Hazelruth Adams
Mark of Mission 1
$2,500.00

*Love + Fear Conference: Applying Faith in Turbulent Time*

To bring young people from late teens to 30s to a conference addressing the relationship between fear and bigotry in the community. It examines how faith encourages us to approach our own and others’ fear. The 2016 conference will be a pilot to gauge whether hosting annual conferences that bring young Christians together to address contemporary issues is a feasible endeavor. The conference would provide an intensive experience that supports young people to grow in their faith and care for their church and the broader communities in which they live. The grant money will provide honorariums for speakers, food for conference participants, and advertising.

Diocese of Southern Ohio
Melanie Williams
Mark of Mission 4
$2,477.50

*Woodland Park Community Garden*

To create a community garden at the site of Near East House, a Praxis intentional community in Columbus, Ohio. The garden will be created on an abandoned lot and maintained by members of the neighborhood, with an emphasis on the youth, which will create bonds between residents. This is a collaborative project between the residents of Near East House and St. Philip Episcopal Church. The harvested produce will be distributed to those who work in the garden,
providing individuals with fresh vegetables that otherwise would not be affordable. Any excess items will be given to the St. Philip’s food pantry. The grant will fund materials needed to build raised beds, eco-friendly rain barrels, and irrigation equipment.

**Diocese of Southwest Florida**  
Rachel Schnabel  
Marks of Mission 3 and 4  
$2,494.00  

*Computer and Information Technology Course at the Anglican Social Center in Brazil*

To design, outfit, and implement a new computer and information technology course to be offered to the students at the Centro Social Anglicano (CSA) in Pedregal, Novo Gama, Brazil. This course will benefit the 130+ students from the poorest areas and of greatest financial need. This course will also provide an alternative to the crime and drugs that exist outside of school. The addition of this course will be a great incentive to increase enrollment and to supplement the CSA program, which provides education, artistic opportunities, community, Christian education, and nutrition to the children. The grant will fund classroom equipment and supplies and safety items.

**Diocese of Virginia**  
Grace Aheron  
Mark of Mission 4  
$2,500.00  

*Sacred Solidarity: Race Justice at the University of Virginia*

To host a unique weekend retreat led by Circles and Ciphers, a group comprised of young men who have had gang, prison, and court-related experiences who foster open communication and racial healing through hip-hop music and art. The participants, primarily white-privileged university
students, will experience racial reconciliation through the retreat and then commit to a one-year follow-up to share their circle work in their own spaces. The grant will fund a weekend retreat and a follow-up meeting.

**Diocese of Western Michigan**

**Kellan Day**

**Mark of Mission I**

**$2,500.00**

**Manifest: A Journal by Young Adults for the Church**

To offer young adults the opportunity to create a project/publication that could help explain why young adults want to reinvent church. By publishing “Manifest,” the young adults throughout the church will be given voice to offer their wisdom, reflections, and input on the state of the Church. Rather than stand in silence, they can choose to use their voices through written form to challenge, encourage, and be an integral part of the Body of Christ. The grant will fund printing supplies, labor, and the design of the publication. An honorarium for the project editor will be funded.
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**SEMINARIAN GRANT AWARDS**

**Church Divinity School of the Pacific**

**Teresa Mary Wakeen**

**All 5 Marks of Mission**

**$2,500.00**

*New Episcopal Congregation in the City of Detroit, MI*

To develop a new congregation in a poor, underserved area of Detroit in partnership with several other Episcopal organizations. The congregation will be part of the New Mission Development Communities of the Diocese of Michigan and will be centered out of Crossroads of Michigan, a social service outreach service agency. The author is a postulant to the priesthood in Detroit while enrolled in seminary at Church Divinity School of the Pacific. The grant will fund a stipend for clerical developer and host a retreat for the core lay leaders.

**General Theological Seminary**

**Alexander Doyle Barton**

**Mark of Mission I**

**$2,500.00**

*Magnificat Arts Program*

To provide a program for residents of St. Mary’s Shelter in Manhattan, which serves immigrants and asylum seekers, to express their own stories and artistic interests through photography, writing, and spoken word. This project will take place over four weekends, in which shelter residents will collaborate with local and international journalists to learn visual, written, and oral storytelling techniques. It will culminate with a showcase of their final work. The grant will fund stipends to each participant from the shelter, as well as printing, display supplies, and initial costs of a finished booklet.
**General Theological Seminary**  
Valerie Bailey Fischer  
Mark of Mission 2  
$2,500.00

*General Seminary Good Shepherd Atrium*

To build a portable atrium to be used as a teaching and learning area by seminary residents and their children, the new Christians. This project will include training seminarians to become leaders and teachers of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which will be used as a tool for children and adult formation. As the seminarians become clergy, they will have the background to continue the process of teaching, baptizing, and nurturing new believers in the Christian faith. The grant will fund the building of the atrium and the training of seminarians.

**Seminary of the Southwest**  
Gregory Warren  
Mark of Mission I  
$2,500.00

*Enriching Our Perspective on Enculturation to Grow the Episcopal Church’s Hispanic Ministry*

To provide an opportunity for a student to travel to the Dominican Republic to learn how to improve Hispanic ministries. The Episcopal Church is rapidly growing in the Dominican Republic, and church members there have many ideas to share. This individual will spend time there learning cultural cues and miscues that will improve Hispanic ministries in the United States. All information gained will be presented to seminarians and others in the community.

The grant will fund the immersion and training time in the Dominican Republic, as well as a presentation at the Seminary of the Southwest and a guided retreat for a parish with a Hispanic ministry.

**Virginia Theological Seminary**  
Taylor Poindexter  
Mark of Mission I  
$2,459.99

*Eucharist-Centered Gardening*

To support the expansion of the prayer/mediation garden on the seminary grounds to grow flowers for altar arrangements in the chapel and to support the communion wheat plot. This garden is part of six teaching gardens that have been established and successfully maintained. Methods will be used to teach the practical and display best practices in solidarity with subsistence farmers. The grant will pay for a rototiller, two tons of chicken manure to enrich the soil with needed nutrients, bird netting, and wood hinges, and other items needed to build a fence to keep vermin and birds out of the garden.
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