

# Got an Idea? Have a Need? A Peaks Grant Could Be For YOU!



## Commission on Ministry Grants

These grants are for ministers and commissioned pastors focusing on opportunities unique to their ministry.

Books for a clergy book group and a retreat for women clergy are two ways these grants have been used



## Church Partnership Commission

These grants strive to build partnerships between congregations and to help foster discipleship within the presbytery

Combined youth education, discipleship retreats and CeltFest are a few ways these funds have been used.



## Justice & Mercy Commission

These grants fund caring for our planet, caring for our neighbors here and around the world, and supporting racial equity.

Educational trips, hunger relief, composting, and education in South Sudan are some ways these funds have been used.

As part of the budgeting process, the presbytery sets aside money to help pastors and congregations build relationships, try new things and explore ministry opportunities.

You can find more details about all the grants available from the presbytery and some additional grant opportunities on our website at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>.



**For More Information or an Application:** <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>

# Peaks Presbytery 2025 Budget



## Connecting with the Larger Church \$218,062

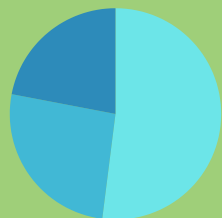
- PCUSA Per Capita
- Synod per Capita
- Stated Clerk

## Justice & Mercy Missions \$254,507

- Abukloi
- CEDEPCA
- Earth Care
- Racial Justice
- Two Cents a Meal
- Community Block Grants
- Justice & Mercy Specialist

## Supporting Congregations & Pastors \$520,563

- Church Partnership Grants
- Commission on Ministry Grants
- Camp Scholarships
- Campus Ministry
- Church Leadership Ministry Specialist



Larger Church 22%  
Justice & Mercy 26%  
Congregations & Pastors 52%



# Dr. Rodney Sadler to Lead Worship

Dr. Sadler will bring us a message based around Matthew 12:33-35 and 25:31-40. Following, there will be a time for facilitated discussion.

Soloist Gena Chandler-Smith, accompanied by Alice Brooks-Sanders will join him in leading us in worship.

The worship and education portions of February's presbytery meeting have been planned and coordinated by the Racial Equity Subcommittee of the Justice and Mercy Commission.



**DR. RODNEY SADLER**

He is associate professor of Bible and director of the Center for Social Justice and Reconciliation at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He frequently lectures within the church and wider community on race in the Bible, African American biblical interpretation, the image of Jesus, biblical archeology, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

We are excited for this opportunity to learn from a leader in the field of biblical studies and social reconciliation.



**PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2025 9AM-3PM**  
**BLACKSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

# We Want to Hear from YOU!

Change is inevitable. It's necessary for thriving. However, the rate of change in society is accelerating faster than most of us know how to respond. This is especially true in our churches which are faced with aging congregations, costly building maintenance and declining membership. Throughout the PCUSA and the Peaks, many churches are struggling.

We want to get a sense of what could be helpful for your congregation to further God's mission: the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming the Good News of God's love, together, now and into the future.

Thank you for adding your voice to the conversation as we seek to discern where the Spirit is calling us.

\* Indicates required question

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1. Email \*

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2. First Name \*

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3. Last Name \*

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4. Church Name \*

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5. I am \*

*Mark only one oval.*

the Head of Staff or Solo Pastor

the Clerk of Session

a Member of Session

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. If opportunities were available, we would be interested in learning more about \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Repurposing some or all of our building for income generation or expanding our ministry
- Exploring the possibilities of selling some or all of our property
- Cemetery management and maintenance
- Creative ways to fill the pulpit when a minister is not available
- Exploring if shared ministry with other Peaks churches might be for us

7. What else would be helpful?\*

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8. What experiences, resources or tools are you using or have you recently used to meet challenges facing your congregation?

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