

**PRESBYTERY OF BLACKHAWK**

Mission Committee Report

February 10, 2026

The mission committee has met twice since our previous Presbytery Assembly.

At the end of 2025 we received an additional \$10,000 from Presbytery, specifically for the use towards food related ministries. We have received 6 applications and have given a total of \$6,500 away.

Mendota	1,500.00
Savanna	1,000.00
Gardner	1,000.00
Waltham	1,000.00
Park Street	1,000.00
Bolingbrook	1,000.00

We have also given \$2,500 towards the Kenya Partnership - \$1250 out of the remaining mission funds and \$1250 from the Peacemaking funds.

At the end of 2025 we have given away all of our 2025 mission funds as budgeted and the additional \$6500 for toward food related ministries.

Sterling First	Backpack Buddy program	1,500.00
Blackhawk Presbytery	Triennium 2025	1,250.00
Ottawa	Farm Equipment	1,500.00
Harvard First	Baby Wipes and Feminine Products	1,500.00
Elgin First	Immigration Project	2,000.00
Westminster, DeKalb		1,000.00
Kenya Partnership		1,250.00
TOTAL		10,000.00

That brings us to a new year with \$10,000 to spend again. This far no grants have been approved, but we have received 2 applications that will be brought to the committee at our February meeting. If you have a ministry or mission that could benefit from a boost, please fill out the grant request form on the website.

Also, if you have a program that we are not aware of, please reach out to Thea or Jeannette, to make us aware of what you are doing. We would love for this to serve as an example and inspiration of what is possible, but also to connect you to another church already doing something you think you might want to get involved in.

The dates for an intergenerational mission trip for the Presbytery, together with Chicago Presbytery to South Dakota has been set for June 13-19. Mark your calendars if you are interested! We will provide more details as they become available.

If you have any ideas around a communal mission for the Presbytery, please feel free to reach out and share!

### **Matthew 25 Task Force**

The Matthew 25 Task Force has finished the work that it has set out to do, and this Task Force has been dismantled. We are immensely grateful for all the time and effort that went into bringing the Matthew 25 project to this Presbytery, encouraging churches to become Matthew 25 churches, and educating us in all that entails and how to live into it. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE!

### **Opportunity to Visit Kenya!**

Applications (download application [here](#)) are now being accepted for the Blackhawk-Imenti Partnership Trip on September 22 through October 5, 2026. While in Kenya, we will be celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the partnership between our presbytery and the three Imenti presbyteries. The purpose of our trip will be to strengthen and grow our partnership. We also hope to inspire more church to parish partnerships built on the relationships built between our travelers and our hosts. While we are in the country, we will work together on a Memorandum of Understanding that will chart our path into the future. Finally, we will make time to go on safari to marvel at God's beautiful creation!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Thea Kornelius