

## **Mission Statement and Guidelines for the SIAC**

The Session Income Allocation Committee (SIAC) exists to further the mission of First Presbyterian Church by making recommendations to the Session for the distribution of monetary gifts which enable individuals, agencies and the church to increase devotion to Jesus Christ as Lord and extend his gospel to the ends of the earth.

### **The following sets forth the procedures for approval of requests for grants by the Session:**

1. All requests for grants to be awarded by the Session shall be based upon recommendations by the SIAC.
2. The usual process for consideration of requests for grants by the SIAC is to consider grants to provide assistance to seminary students in the spring and grants to fund missions and outreach in the fall.
3. Requests for grants shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the SIAC and provide all relevant missional and financial information.
4. All requests for grants must be endorsed, in advance, by the appropriate Session Committee.
5. Extraordinary requests for grants may be made to the SIAC which may consider the requests outside of the regular schedule or at a special called meeting of the SIAC.
6. The SIAC shall present its recommendations to the Session at the regular Session meeting immediately following the meeting of the SIAC. Approval of all grants shall rest with the Session.
7. All funds allocated and approved must be expended only for the specified purpose.
8. Unexpended funds must be returned to the SIAC.

### **The following sets forth the criteria for recommendations by the SIAC for the approval of grants by the Session:**

#### **Priority shall be given to applications, normally, in this order:**

1. Funding seminary scholarships for persons desiring to pursue full time service in Christian ministry. Priority will be given to a) students who are or have been worshipping and serving members of First Presbyterian Church, b) students sensing a call to ordained pastoral ministry in Presbyterian (EPC) congregations, c) students sensing a call to full time work as Christian educators, counselors, professors, or missionaries.
2. Funding of EPC church planting and related internships for pastors training to be church planters (see Russ Stevenson scholarship document)
3. Nonrecurring mission and/or ministry projects that have as a primary objective proclaiming the saving work and Lordship of Jesus Christ, with priority given to work in the city of Baton Rouge.
4. New ministries that have as primary objectives to proclaim Christ and practically extend the love of Christ to those in need of Him.
5. Community service programs in which our participation and/or funding is not unreasonably restricted and which do not support programs and activities that are antithetical to our stated purpose are not supported.