

The Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley

Finance Committee

March 2, 2017

For Cabinet Action (Approved March 9, 2017)

The Finance Committee has received the attached request from the Committee on Lay Preaching concerning the reimbursement of Lay Preachers for mileage incurred while providing pastoral care for our churches.

Based on this request, the Finance Committee recommends that Presbytery Cabinet designate up to \$5,000 from the Don Law bequest to be used over the next five years for the purpose of reimbursing Lay Preachers who provide pastoral care to churches that (a) do not have pastors and (b) cannot afford to pay the cost themselves for mileage costs incurred by lay preachers.

The \$5,000 would be spread equally, in \$1,000 increments, over five years from 2017 through 2021. Following the settle-up period, any portion of the money designated for one year that was not used will be added to the \$1,000 designated for the following year. Unless further action is taken by Cabinet, any portion of the \$5,000 remaining after the settle-up period for 2021 will be returned to the bequest account.

Churches and/or Lay Preachers may apply for reimbursement by submitting a CLP Committee Expense Voucher to the Chair of the Committee on Lay Preaching who shall approve the request and forward it to the Bookkeeper. All reimbursement requests must be submitted to the Bookkeeper no later than the last day of the month after the expense occurred. The deadline for submitting expenses against the 2017 budget is January 2, 2018.

February 18, 2017

David Johnson, Chair

Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley

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Dear David and Finance Committee members:

The Committee on Lay Preaching requests that a line item be added to the 2017 budget in the amount of \$5,000 from the bequest given by Don Law. These funds would be for the purpose of paying mileage to those who are asked to do pastoral care by churches that do not have pastors. We will encourage churches to pay for mileage themselves; but if they are unable to do so, vouchers will be available to those seeking reimbursement at the current IRS rate. We are suggesting a five-year commitment, so that we might review and adjust accordingly each year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Blessings,

Deb Fleming

CoLP Chair