



## Peaks Postings

Sept. 15, 2020

Has your church been doing a creative and interesting ministry during this time of coronavirus? We would like to hear about it. The Church Development Committee is compiling a list of all the ways people in our Presbytery are responding to this pandemic crisis. Whether it's a worship practice, something on Zoom, or just something you're doing for fun and fellowship, please share it with us! Our goal is to share our best practices with one another so we can replicate good ideas. Please let us know what you are doing by sending an email to:

[revjimmos95@gmail.com](mailto:revjimmos95@gmail.com)

Thank you!

- Jim Moss

Chair, Church Development Committee



## Mission Grant Applications are due on November 1st

**POP Congregations! Your Mission Committee is here to assist you in your mission work!** The Mission Committee has a total of \$32,000 designated for mission outreach, made available from Church Dismissal Funds. \$10,656 is for mission beyond our presbytery and \$21,364 for mission within our presbytery. We are here to help your church Session submit a recommendation or an application for a seed grant. The presbytery Mission Committee especially seeks to assist smaller budget churches who hope to work with at-risk children and youth in their neighborhood. Mission causes outside the presbytery can be in Virginia, in the United States, or an international work.

It is understood that congregations may have great ideas that will be delayed by the current pandemic. But it's fine to start making those plans now for working with young people for when you can put them in motion.

The simple application can be found on the presbytery's website: [www.peakspresbytery.org](http://www.peakspresbytery.org) click on "Ministry/Mission," then "Presbytery Missions." The application is under "New Mission Grant Applications."

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by **November 1, 2020 (extended from October 1)** to the Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24551.

For additional assistance, contact: Robert Fiedler, Mission Committee chair  
[rev.rafiedler@gmail.com](mailto:rev.rafiedler@gmail.com) or 540-989-1979



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Purpose:** The Director of Communications will set and guide the strategy for all communications to consistently articulate the Presbytery of the Peaks mission and vision. The position will provide support for presbytery staff and congregational communications.

**Accountability:** Accountable to General Presbyter (Head of Staff) and to Presbytery through Committee on Administration (COA)

### Responsibilities:

1. Develop an annual communications plan that will identify clear strategies to execute the Presbytery's vision and mission.
2. Create and implement a strategy that will provide timely, effective, and informative communication between the Presbytery and its many constituents.
3. Assist with building connections among the Presbytery and leadership using video and social media.
4. Oversee Peaks Presbytery website and related social media sites for coordination of efforts to keep information accurate, appropriate and up to date.
5. Oversee and manage all communications related budget line items, billings and invoices in a timely manner. Submit annual budget proposals as requested.
6. Coordinate other special projects and perform other duties as directed by supervisor.

**Relationships:** Works closely with all Presbytery committees; reports to the General Presbyter; works collegially with Presbytery staff.

### Qualifications:

1. Maturity of Christian character and gifts of discernment.
2. Highly collaborative style, experience developing and implementing communications strategies.
3. Excellent organizational and project management skills.
4. Excellent verbal and written communications skills with command of the English language, proper style, usage and punctuation.
5. Demonstrated creativity, attention to detail and accuracy.
6. Demonstrated ability with standard word processing, spreadsheet, database, video editing and publications software.
7. Demonstrated website maintenance skills.
8. Ability to take knowledge and transform it into exciting and useful messages; disseminate it to the right audiences through the best distribution channels.
9. Ability to manage multiple responsibilities simultaneously and independently.
10. Bachelor's degree, preferably in some aspect of communications or equivalent experience.

**Time Required:** Full-time, exempt

**Review and Evaluation:** Performance reviews conducted annually by General Presbyter, reviewed by Personnel Work Group and reported to COA. COA will annually review adequacy of compensation

Applications due into the Presbytery Office by Friday, Sept. 18, 2020.



## Peaks Presbytery Peacemaking Offering at Work

Moms Demand Action: a movement of moms, dads, students, survivors, educators, gun owners, and concerned citizens working together to fight for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence.



**Frontera de Cristo:** a Presbyterian border ministry located in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. One of five binational ministry sites of Presbyterian Border Region Outreach working with churches, presbyteries, and secular organizations on both sides of the border to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.



Hotel San Marcos at St. Mark Presbyterian in Tucson – providing overflow shelter and food for those seeking asylum in the U.S.

Rev. Bart Smith, former Associate Pastor at Raleigh Court Presbyterian in Roanoke is the pastor at St. Mark's. He requested our financial assistance for this important ministry at his church.

## Other Ministries Supported through the Presbytery Portion of the Offering.

South Sudan education and reconciliation training

Scholarships to Educational Advocacy Days in Washington, DC

Scholarships for those going on CEDEPCA trips to Guatemala from Peaks Presbytery

Men in the Mirror Program with Guatemalan men to address domestic violence



*Covenant Presbyterian - Roanoke*

*presents*



*A Virtual Classical Concert  
with Ronn Lowe & Chris Magee!*

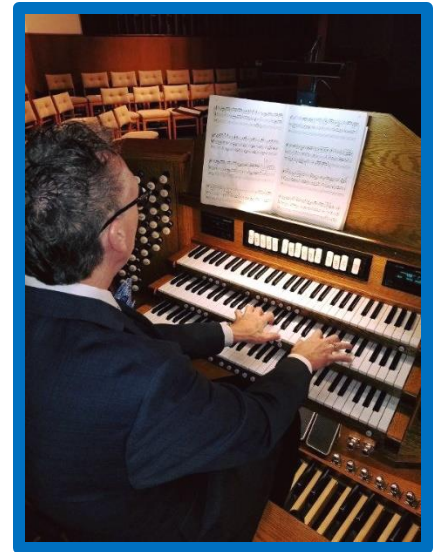


Join us live on Facebook this Wednesday,  
September 16 at 6:00 PM for this  
special program featuring organ & trumpet.



Tune in and invite your friends!

[facebook.com/CovenantPresbyterianChurchRoanoke](https://facebook.com/CovenantPresbyterianChurchRoanoke)



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## Blood Drive



**American  
Red Cross**

### **Donate Blood in Honor of Dakota:**

Dakota is a student at Hidden Valley High School, diagnosed with stage 2 osteosarcoma in July.

She has undergone chemotherapy and blood transfusions, and will be having surgery soon.

She turns 16 the day after the blood drive.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month.

Please donate if you are able and tell your friends & family!

**Friday, September 25**

**@ Covenant Presbyterian – Roanoke**

**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Appointments needed!**

Schedule online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

(search for "COVENANT")

or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Covenant Presbyterian Church

1831 Deyerle Road SW, Roanoke

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## FROM THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

### TWO CENTS A MEAL GRANT APPLICATION REMINDER

Through the generosity of our congregations, members and friends, \$41,500 has been awarded in 2020 through Two Cents-a-Meal grants.

Thank you to all who have continued to support this offering during especially challenging times. The need is greater than ever for those dealing with hunger and poverty.

The next, and final round of 2020 grant awards will be made in late October. Applications must be postmarked by October 1 and should be sent to: Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Drive Lynchburg, VA 24502 or emailed to [office@peaks-presbytery.org](mailto:office@peaks-presbytery.org).



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

### Easy to Participate this Fall

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to spread the Peace of Christ both near and far.

#### **Read about First Presbyterian Church Covington's very positive experiences with this offering:**

Covington First Presbyterian Church has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Peace and Global Witness Offering since 2017. As one of four denominational collections, this offering has 25% which stays locally with the congregation. We identified Safehomes Systems, a local organization that provides services to victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse. With this local connection, we appreciate even more so the collective nature of our denomination multiplying the effect of our individual donations. In recent years, this has meant giving money to such diverse but vital organizations as [regionally] Moms Demand Action (opposing gun violence), [nationally] St. Mark's PC in Tucson, AZ, where Bart Smith is pastor, and [internationally] South Sudan Reconcile, about which we heard more during the recent presbytery meeting. We affirm that Global Witness and Peacemaking are integral to who we are as Presbyterians, and exhort our fellows to support this mission. – Mission and Service Committee

It's easy to find more information and resources for your congregation - Go to [www.PCUSA.org](http://www.PCUSA.org) and click on Special Offerings.

**Please submit all Special Offerings through the POP office.**



## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
9/16/20	2:00 p.m.	CP Workgroup	Zoom
9/17/20	10:00 a.m.	Boundary Training	Zoom
9/22/20	10:00 a.m.	Church Development	Zoom
9/22/20	2:00 p.m.	Bills and Overtures w/ GA Commissioners	Zoom
9/22/20	2:00 p.m.	Small Church Residency Program	Zoom

Next Presbytery Meeting:

November 19, 2020

Zoom

[On-Line Calendar](#)

**Peaks Postings** is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests **by noon on Mondays** to Julie Dyke at [julie@peakspresbytery.org](mailto:julie@peakspresbytery.org) for inclusion in the following issue.

**Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in Peaks Postings:**

- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pictured in your photos before submitting them to *Peaks Postings*.

**Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to**

- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

**Past issues of Peaks Postings are archived for about six months on our website, [Presbytery of the Peaks](#).**

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“Building partnerships in Christ, to empower communities of faith to be the Body of Christ for the world.”