

Mission Funding Grant Request
Presby Cats Spring Break Mission/Study Trip
March 11-19, 2017

Now in its 5th year, our Presby Cats collegiate ministry continues to flourish. With an average of 18 students attending each Sunday, there are 26 on our active participants list. The start of the upcoming spring semester provides yet another opportunity to reach out to additional students. First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman continues to count it a privilege to host, and I count it a privilege to work directly with, this collegiate ministry on behalf of the Presbytery of Yellowstone. In addition to our weekly Sunday gatherings, we also had a fall retreat with a winter retreat coming up at the beginning of February. A variety of social events are also on the calendar. In November the group led our Sunday morning worship services for our congregation.

There are 7 students (in addition to me) who have committed to participate in our spring break mission/study trip to Chicago, Illinois where we will be working with the DOOR ministries. DOOR is a gateway for encountering the city through the eyes, ears, and heart of God. It is dedicated to providing life-changing experiences for its participants rooted in relationship and solidarity with local communities and neighborhoods. All of DOOR's programming grows out of a commitment to mutual respect and thoughtful reflection.

Of these 7 participants, 4 are from Montana (Anaconda, Bozeman, Butte, & Harlem), 1 is from Reardon, WA, 1 from Lake Forest, CA, and 1 from San Diego, CA. The total cost of this trip is \$9,762. The participants and their home churches are chipping in roughly 30% of this, with another 55% from fund raising and a mission grant from First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman. **With this document I am requesting that the Presbytery of Yellowstone provide a mission funding grant in the amount of \$1,400 as the final 14%.** Appended to this grant request are the summary page regarding this mission trip along with the budget for this trip. *Please note that this is the smallest request that we have made of the presbytery in support of our mission trips.*

Because the bulk of the costs of this trip are due by 30 days before the mission trip, a decision on this request before that time would be most helpful. Any such grant made can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman.

Thank you for considering supporting this mission trip. Please keep our Presby Cats ministry and mission trip in your prayers.

If you need more information, please contact me at dan@fpcbozeman.org or by text or phone at 406-223-2557.

Submitted by Dan Krebill, advisor to Presby Cats
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Presby Cats Spring Break Mission/Study Trip to DOOR Ministries in Chicago, Illinois - March 11-19, 2017

First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana

Purpose of trip –

Enjoy an alternative spring break in a very different context—the inner city of Chicago. We'll spend the week working through DOOR ministries. With 77 very unique and culturally diverse neighborhoods, Chicago is a big city with a small city feel. Chicago has a long standing commitment to activism and community organizing, making it a great place to learn about race, poverty, and other issues of injustice. DOOR Chicago is housed at First Church of the Brethren in the East Garfield Park neighborhood. East Garfield Park is a community full of potential and has a rich history of strong community leaders and activists, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who had an office in First Church of the Brethren as he fought for fair housing rights. DOOR Chicago partners with established and well rooted organizations and churches that have been serving the city for many years to provide service opportunities for participants. At the end of the week, we'll have an evening and morning to enjoy some of what the city has to offer in the way of entertainment and culture.



Who is invited to participate –

- 1) MSU students and others actively involved in the Presby Cats ministry.
- 2) Adults who will provide a variety of leadership gifts

Hosting agency –

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How did we learn of this opportunity –

Co-pastor Dan Krebill has lived in inner city Chicago twice—while he was in seminary in the early 1980s, and again later while working on the staff at McCormick Theological Seminary. DOOR Ministries is a respected ministry organization working within the urban context for meaningful mission trip experiences.

What is required –

- ▶ **a completed application form submitted by Nov. 30, 2016;**
- ▶ **your willingness to commit to expectations outlined on the application form;**
- ▶ **\$275 participant contribution:** \$100 down payment by Nov. 30, 2016; \$100 payment by Jan. 12, 2017; final \$75 due Feb. 15, 2017 (*payment schedule can be modified upon request / scholarships available by talking with co-pastor Dan*);
- ▶ **your energy and creativity for raising funds** (total cost per person is \$850);
- ▶ **your willingness to learn about mission and service and prepare to be an ambassador for Christ and his church.**

Travel details -



We will leave Bozeman on Saturday, March 11, 2017, and drive to Havre, Montana, where we will board the train and travel overnight, arriving in Chicago on Sunday afternoon, March 12. We will be staying with DOOR ministries through the week. We depart Chicago on Saturday evening, March 18, and arrive back in Bozeman Sunday evening, March 19.

Where can I find more information -

DOOR Ministry website: <http://www.doornetwork.org/chicago/>

Questions?

Contact Dan Krebill, co-pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana
dan@fpcbozeman.org or 406-223-2557

Presby Cats 2017 Spring Break Mission Trip Budget

March 11-19, 2017

DOOR Ministries - Chicago, Illinois

7 students and 1 leader

Expenses		
Train fare (roomette)	\$496.55/person	\$3,972
Amtrak porter gratuity		320
Round trip car travel, Bozeman to Havre (600 miles)	2 cars	150
DOOR Ministries charge	\$325/person	2,600
Meals (7 meals per person)	\$140/person	1,120
donation to DOOR Ministries	\$100/person	800
miscellaneous expense	\$100/person	800
Total Cost		\$9,762
Income		
Participant contribution	\$275/person	\$2,595
Participants' home churches contributions		400
First Presbyterian Church mission support		1,000
Grant from the Presbytery of Yellowstone		1,400
Fund raising (First Presbyterian Church & others)		4,367
Total income		\$9,762

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