

Roy Blackwood Memorial Fund Grant Application

The Session of Second Reformed Presbyterian Church welcomes grant proposals from the various ministries of the congregation to utilize funds from the Roy Blackwood Memorial Fund to “super-charge” the ministry the Lord has already given us.

Gifts given to Second Reformed Presbyterian Church from the estate of Dr. Roy Blackwood and from memorial gifts totaled \$47,125.00 for which we give praise to God.

The Blackwood family has expressed the desire that these gifts be used to further the work of the kingdom of God in ways consistent with Dr. Blackwood’s vision and ministry as he himself sought first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

Jesus’ kingdom is redemptive, spiritual, and unlimited for the purpose of building his church. Therefore, the funds will be used to pursue the development of people through their discipleship in the Lord and preparation for ministry. Rather than invest in material things, we intend to invest these funds as directly as possible in people who will seek to multiply in the name of the Lord Jesus as they grow confident in his word and by his Spirit. Dr. Blackwood’s legacy involved his willingness to cast his bread upon the waters, ministering without demanding that the Lord “keep” people at Second RP. Rather, he trusted that if people could learn to seek first the kingdom they would multiply wherever they went by entrusting the truths that they had been given by Jesus to faithful men who would be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).

These funds being offered for grants to ministries of 2RP are not to replace existing budget provisions intended to sustain these ordinary ministries nor to establish new ministries or activities that would require continuous financial support.

Instead, we want ministries to think about how to equip and strengthen our members to serve the Lord more effectively and seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Plan to allow at least three months from the time of writing your grant application until its approval by the session. The elders are praying with you that the Lord will expand our vision through this exercise and help us to become a more effective reaching, training, building, and sending congregation.