

Mission Outreach and Renewal Committee

Recommended Action Synod Council Consideration:

Approve **\$5,000 Linn Fund Grant for The Table located in Nashville, TN**, to support community outreach

Rationale for Recommended Actions:

The Table is a new mission start as of 12/1/19. It's primary ministry work centers the voices of marginalized and oppressed people groups, primarily LGBTQIA+ youth, young adults and their families as well as those impacted by incarceration. The grant funds will be used primarily for access to professional networks which will empower the pastor to build community relationships and broaden the creation of support groups, studies, and gatherings with and for these groups.

The secondary work of The Table's ministry is to "find the sacred among the secular" by practicing the radical means of grace and sharing the Good News via building relationships that repair the breach done by religion based bigotry and rejection of minority and marginalized people groups in the Deep South. To that end, grant funds will be used to begin innovative outreach for building relationships in the Greater Nashville area.

Mission Outreach and Renewal Committee recommends Approval

We recommend granting this request for \$5,000 to The Table.