

## **Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy Emergency Relief Plan**

Purpose: To provide emergency support for congregations experiencing proven financial hardship due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1. The Finance Team has been authorized to approve emergency grants up to \$10,000.
2. Application must be made by June 30, 2020 and are limited to one grant or one loan per congregation.
3. The application shall specify the purpose of the grant or loan, which may include but are not limited to:
  - a. Salary and benefits for pastoral staff
  - b. Salary and benefits for other staff
  - c. Payment of utility bills or other essential operations
  - d. Mortgage payments (may require consultation with lender regarding emergency options)
4. The Finance Team is authorized to provide a per-capita holiday of three months for all congregations. Congregations do not have to pay per capita for three months, or they may pro-rate their per capita by 25% for 2020. If necessary, a congregation may request waiving, refunding, or postponing of per capita for the year 2020.
5. Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy congregations and individuals are invited to make gifts to the presbytery during this time.
6. Finance Team may also provide short-term emergency loans.  
**To apply for a grant please contact Jeffrey Snell**  
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