

**Technology Grant Program of Albany Presbytery  
Sponsored by the Trustees of the Presbytery  
August 2020**

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic that began in March 2020 changed for many of our churches, almost overnight, how worship services were conducted when the church congregation could no longer meet together in person. Facebook streaming, YouTube, Zoom and other communication strategies were embraced by our congregations. Beginning late in the summer our congregations started to reopen their church facility. However, many worshippers are not able to return to worship until a vaccine is available. This means churches will need to deliver hybrid worship – live services for those who choose to attend in-person and on-line worship for those who cannot.

The Program

To meet these needs or to improve the communication tools our churches have, the trustees are offering technology grants, on a matching basis, of up to \$5,000. To obtain a grant a congregation needs to:

- Provide a quote for the equipment they need to purchase.
- Identify those individuals in the congregation who will implement the technology on a weekly basis to digitally stream the worship services.

Reimbursement

To receive reimbursement please provide proof of the purchase/installation of the necessary equipment (that aligns with the initial quote) and the identification of the supporting individuals who will use the equipment.

For any questions please contact Bill Henderson, Temporary Presbyter, at [bhenderson@albanypresbytery.org](mailto:bhenderson@albanypresbytery.org).

FAQs

Can this grant be used for purchases that have already been made by the church during the COVID-19 pandemic? Yes, by providing the required information, namely invoices for equipment that has been purchased and is currently in use.

Are there restrictions on what kind of equipment can be purchased? No. however, the church will be best served by utilizing specialists who work with this technology for churches or other non-profits.

**Request for Technology Grant from Albany Presbytery  
Matching Grant Program up to \$5,000  
August 2020**

Name of Church:

Address (check will be mailed here):

Minister:

Names of Church members who will be responsible for the equipment and implementing the technology on a regular basis:

How much are you requesting?

***Please attach an invoice for the equipment that you have paid for and are installing.***

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