

## **WDC Hope Fund Task Force 2023 Report**

**Purpose:** To process and approve applications for grants from the Hope Fund, according to guidelines approved by the Executive Board.

### **Hope Fund Information**

For information about the background and purpose of the Hope Fund, as well as how to contribute to the fund or apply for a grant from it, please see <https://mennowdc.org/wdc-hope-fund-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. Due to the balance of the Hope Fund, the task force is not funding grant requests at this time. The fund was established as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the task force created to administer it will expire in 2024 if not renewed.

### **Distribution and Financial Report (June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023)**

June 1, 2022 balance: 6,586.21

Number of grant applications funded: 4

Total funds disbursed for grants: \$8500

Total contributions received: \$1980.69

May 31, 2023 balance: \$66.90

Since April 2020, the Hope Fund has provided \$64,644.99 in mutual aid to WDC congregations. The task force is grateful for God's faithful provision of hope to WDC congregations as they continue in the ministry to which they have been called, as well as for the generosity the Hope Fund has received.

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