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### **2020 Grant Committee Year in Review**

The Grant Committee is a new addition to the Holy Communion Community, kicking off their first full year in 2020. The group came together after the church faced both ambitious plans to grow and a softening in member pledging for 2020. The **objective of the group is to explore alternative funding sources** beyond our member giving, endowments, and rental income. While the team was working together for the first time, it has already had a huge impact on the church.

The focus of 2020 was funding our Grace Gatherings ministry, which requires the support of a full time Assistant Rector, musicians and staff support, as well as supplies and equipment. The responses we received were incredible, with **nearly all of our applications accepted and increasing funding for Holy Communion**. Below is a summary of our “wins” in 2020, mostly for the 2021 program year summing to more than \$60k.

Episcopal Evangelism Grant <sup>1</sup>	\$2,000k
UTO Grant	\$11,320
Diocese New Ventures Grant	\$25,000
Bishop’s Thompson Fund	~\$26,000

We also applied for one grant from the Episcopal Church for direct payments to St. Louis Immigrants who were not eligible for the Governments’ Covid Support payments. Unfortunately, we were not selected for this funding.

Our committee looks forward to continuing momentum in 2021. Our current focus is on an expansion of Laundry Love to other organizations in our region. Other topics we have considered supporting include funding the growth of our Housing Ministry and “Greening” the church.

Our asks of the congregations include:

- 1) **Join us** – We are looking for more talented creative people to help fund future growth and ministries for Holy Communion.
- 2) **Dream big and engage** – We also look to connect the dreams and ambitions of our existing ministries to funding. **If you are part of a Holy Communion Ministry that you feel could be improved with additional funding, please connect with us to talk through what we can do to enable your efforts.**

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<sup>1</sup> The Evangelism Grant was used in 2020. All other grants will be used in 2021.