

Presbytery of Redstone Networks Policy

A network is a group of people who connect with one another in a variety of ways in order to share information, services and help one another accomplish tasks and activities related to an area of common interest, commitment and passion.

Anyone in the Presbytery can form a Network with anyone and at any time. It is appropriate for Presbytery Commissioners to be active participants in Networks.

Networks may be very informal and do not need to be Presbytery Networks. They should be faithful, fruitful groups of disciples for Jesus Christ.

A Network becomes a Presbytery Network when two or more Sessions recommend the Network to Presbytery and Presbytery acts to recognize the Network.

In order to be recognized as a Presbytery Network, a Network needs:

1. To be recommended by at least two congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Redstone.
2. To open participation in the Network to members of other PC (USA) congregations.
3. To be consistent with the goals and vision of the Presbytery.
4. The Network will provide to Presbytery Council:
 - a) The Network's current Vision/Mission Statement
 - b) An annual report including activities of previous/current year and plans for coming year
 - c) Expense/Income Report and Projected Budget
 - 1) Network funds are to be handled by a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - 2) Governing bodies can contract for services on behalf of the Networks, within the budget of the Networks, and the Networks pay for these services.
 - d) Request for "Seed Money" if necessary
 - e) Endorsement from at least two Sessions within the Presbytery of Redstone

Presbytery Council will review the request for approval and recommend to Presbytery approval/disapproval.

Upon approval by the Presbytery, the Presbytery Network will be provided with resources including one or more of the following:

1. Resource assistance through the Presbytery Executive or others as needed.
2. A page on the Presbytery Web Site.
3. Access to Network/Program Grants, when available, for special projects and initiatives.

The Presbytery may renew each Presbytery Network annually, after review and recommendation from the Presbytery Council. The Network will provide the Presbytery Council with:

1. The Network's current Vision/Mission Statement
2. An annual report including activities of previous/current year and plans for coming year
3. Expense/Income Report and Projected Budget
4. Sessions renewed endorsement