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The Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) received a \$1,250,000.00 grant last December from Lilly Endowment Inc., to help establish the “Bringing, Growing & Changing Congregations and Communities Together” project. The project is being funded through Lilly Endowment’s Thriving Congregations Initiative. As part of the grant, BGCVA is providing an opportunity for churches to apply for a \$1,500 Church Learning Grant.

The Church Learning Grant is designed to assist churches in identifying and executing community-based programs in response to growing needs beyond their own context.

Such needs may have been prompted by the realities of the pandemic, and its continuing effect on communal life. It is anticipated that churches will gain first-hand experience in focusing their energies on a particular community outreach project through program visioning, implementation, assessment, and community impact. Beyond the actual grant received, the BGCVA will provide instruction and guidance related to additional grant opportunities offered by community, state, and national organizations.



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